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Friday, April 2, 1999 .. Well, John got home OK tonight but was an hour late in getting into Fort Wayne. Judy and Gabe stopped over during that hour in which they were waiting. Showed them a little of Katie's ball game and since the gymnastic meet with Jenn was on the same tape, they saw a little of that. Probably Jennifer will never speak to me again!! Today was still fairly warm outside.

I worked on the documents Ann sent me and translated them into "English", or printed English anyway. These were not as hard to read as the last ones that she sent. So have them put away in protective sleeves and the typed copy also. I spent the day at home. Finally got a few e-mails. Some from Mrs. Schlemmer with the message of Christ on. Different things about Easter. I will have to e-mail her back with our testimony as some could be returned, but as yet I have not learned just how to do that. Not sure how to get rid of all the excess that comes trailing along behind on an e-mail! I don't want to send all that back to someone. Seems when I get something like that it takes too much time to go to the book and see how it is to be done. I have so much I really want to do and sending poems and things like that just don't seem to fit into my priorities. Although I can see that they could be a good witnessing tool. One had hugs on that needed to be sent back and sent on. Which I did not do either.

Got an e-mail from Floyd Brown and he got my packet and said the books would soon be on the way. Probably will get them sometime early next week. Not sure how long it takes, but things that Karen has sent really do not take long. I assume he was going to use the regular $3 mailing envelope to send them. Called Priority Mail and you can send whatever you can get in the envelope for $3. Suppose it saves sometimes, but other times would just be cheaper to have it weighed and sent regularly.

Guess this was also the morning that we got pictures from John again. Three of them from England and they barely beat him home. Must have been the last thing he did in England was to send home the photos. Again I saved them, but can't retreive them from the computer. Thought I had it mastered, but guess not.

Saturday, April 3, 1999 .. Washed my hair this morning and had it up most of the day until bowling time. I should have gone to pick up the pictures at Scotts today and to make my copies, but did no, during the day. Mary asked if we wanted to come over to eat dinner there on Sunday so will make some pudding pies and do that. John and Amy will be going to Cantus.

So we bowled in the late afternoon. Against Larry and Mary, John and Keri, and we ended up winning 3 points out of 4. I had the most awful game I ever bowled, a 116 and Larry had an all-time low too with 136. However he had 2 200 games to go with his. I had 185 and 168 (blew the 10th frame). None of the rest did anything much at all. But we managed to eek out 3 points anyway. Think we are all getting ready for the year to end. The lanes were very oily to begin with and I had no curve at all, it just slid down the lane. Larry kept running into splits. We are still close to the top, so depending on what the other teams did, we may still have a chance at first place this half. If so, we would not have to have a roll-off. But if we do not, then will have to roll off with the 2nd half winner for the championship.

After bowling we stopped at Scotts so I could get some milk and pudding and whatever I needed to make the pudding pies for tomorrow. I was too tired to do anything about it tonight so will wait until morning to do the cooking. Just put up my hair and made a couple calls. Amy had called while we were gone, and so did mom and my Aunt Helen. So called Amy back and Aunt Helen. Helen just wanted to know what she owed me for the photos I sent. Basically nothing as she had sent me some that cost a lot more than the ones I had sent to her. So we talked a while.

Sunday, April 4, 1999 .. Resurrection Sunday! Seemed at somewhat of a loss, because we were not going to Vineyard, but the service at Pine Hills was OK. Brice Winteregg hasn't changed at all in the last 20 years!! John, Amy, David, Judy and Gabe were there. Jennifer and Jeremy, of course, are in Florida with the youth of the church. Mike Moore goes there and talked to us a little. I don't think that can be the church for us. What we will do from now on, I have no idea. First Assembly is the only thing I can think of until we find the place we are to go, or until the Lord takes care of things at Vineyard. Seems like if He has not done it in 5 years, will He ever do it????

Then we came on home for an hour before going to Larry's. Mary had prepared a really nice dinner with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean dish, sweet potatoes, pork and beans, rolls, salad, and I had baked the pies this morning. Baked is hardly the term, since they were graham cracker crusts with pudding. So we stuffed ourselves. Did up the dishes, mostly, and then Mary went with us to see Esther. She recognized Mary and even asked if Mary had the things in the house, and she said she often thinks about the house and her things. She seemed much more alert than usual and fairly calm. But Mary did her fingernails and they did seem to be neglecting that, but her hair was clean so know they do not neglect her, but just a few things do not get done as we might like. We stayed until her supper came and tried to get her to eat. Mary got her to eat a couple bites of hot dog and potato and she drank her milk, and a little ice cream, but that was all. She just said "no" to the food and we couldn't budge her beyond that. I think Mary thinks this place is not as nice as Millers, and in some ways it isn't, but know that Esther was no longer happy at Millers either when they had given away her room and she had only a bed in a three bed room. The only thing that would have made her happy was to go back to her old room and that was no longer possible. And the cost in the intensive care room was prohibitive. But we really didn't think she would improve this much at Auburn either. If she would eat, she might still enjoy some part of living, but guess I remember that she didn't enjoy it at Millers either so why fool ourselves that she would be happy there. She wasn't. It was a hard decision, but we must live with it now.

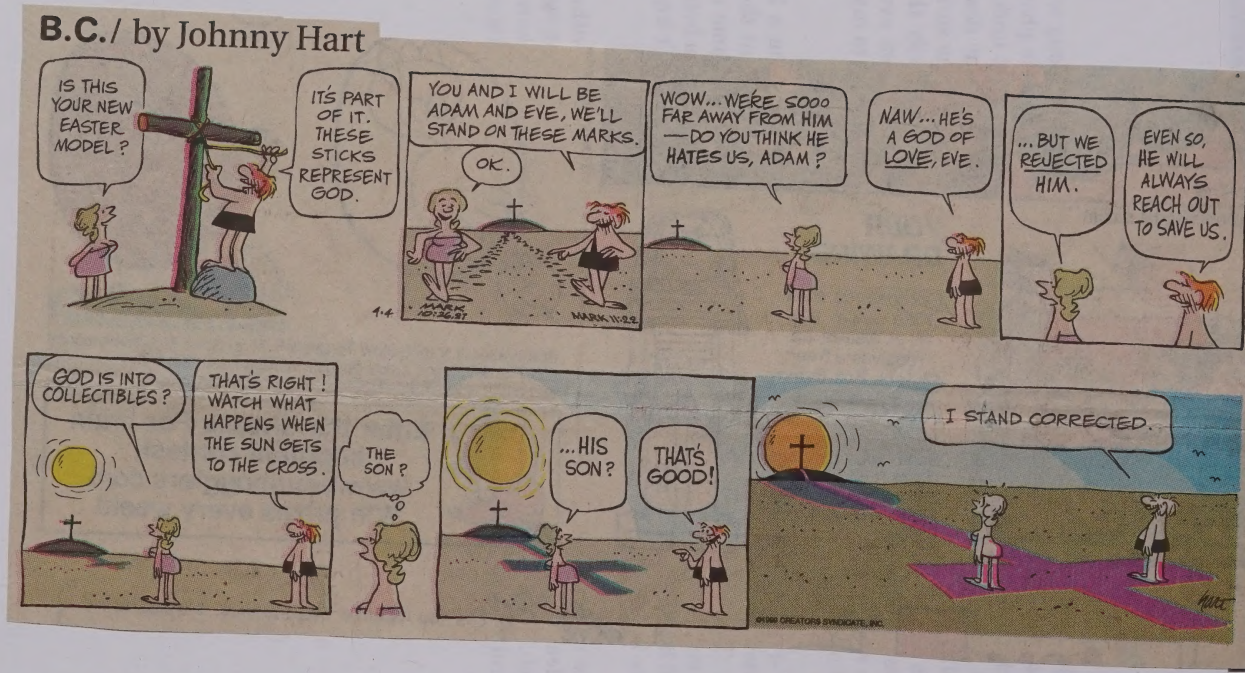
Then we stopped over at John's and looked at his things he brought back, books and maps, etc. He is thinking of our going to England this summer again, but if he goes back it will probably by in July and that is the time of the reunion and Maxine will be coming home so not a time when we could go. He said maybe we could after his week of teaching and then we would have a vacation week over there. However, I am a little concerned that my health is not what it should be and if there is a heart problem, I could not begin to do it. As it is, I have no stamina to even go up three flights of stairs at the library, how would I ever do the stairs in the castles etc in

England?? Seems there is a lot of walking over there to do sight seeing. Along with the pain in my knees it seems a problem. I can live with just seeing their photos and there is so much that I want to do here this summer and so much left undone that I am not sure I want to even try it. And Warren really doesn't have any desire to see England. Well, guess we will just have to see what develops during the spring and summer. He is not sure when they will want him back, but apparently they want him to train teachers and if he does, then he would get royalties from every class those teachers would teach. That would be nice as he would not have to make the trip himself, but others would already be there to teach.

Apparently he took quite a few photos and he said he could put them all on a Zip and then we could view them from the computer anytime. And probably print them too if we wanted to. They printed off their pictures that he sent and they came out in 8 x 11 size and much clearer than mine. But then he said his printer was a better printer, but I should be able to get the 8 x 11 size from this one. I just didn't know how to do it. He may have to come over and show me. So much I don't know.

Timothy was able to download Netscape from the Web and so he got that without any payment, or at least we think so. Not sure, but now he has 3 or 4 different ways to get out on the Web. Tim and Katie will be back in school this week, but there is just one ballgame and that is on Tuesday night at J.E. Ober. So will plan on going to that.

B.C./ by Johnny Hart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IT'S PART OF IT. THESE STICKS REPRESENT GOD.
YOU AND I WILL BE ADAM AND EVE, WE'LL STAND ON THESE MARKS.
OK.
MARK 11:2-6,9
WOW... WE'RE SOOO FAR AWAY FROM HIM —DO YOU THINK HE HATES US, ADAM?
NAW... HE'S A GOD OF LOVE, EVE.
...BUT WE REJECTED HIM.
EVEN SO, HE WILL ALWAYS REACH OUT TO SAVE US.
GOD IS INTO COLLECTIBLES?
THAT'S RIGHT! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE SUN GETS TO THE CROSS.
THE SON?
...HIS SON?
THAT'S GOOD!
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Huntertown

JEANETTE B. FRANKLIN, 50, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital. Born in Montpelier, Ohio, she was a ward clerk for Lutheran Hospital for 22 years. Surviving are her foster parents, Frank and Ruth Winterhalter of Hillsdale, Mich. **Services at 7 p.m. Sunday at Union Chapel United Brethren, 12628 Coldwater Road, with calling two hours before services at the church. Calling also from 6 to 8 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial in Beulah Cemetery, Topeka, with graveside services at 11 a.m. Monday.** Memorials to the church.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures; he leadeth me
beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness
and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.

– *Psalm 23*

IN MEMORY OF

Jeanette B. Franklin

DATE OF BIRTH

November 5, 1948

DATE OF DEATH

April 22, 1999

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICES

Union Chapel United Brethren Church
12628 Coldwater Road
Sunday, April 25, 1999
7:00 pm

OFFICIATING

Rev. Frank Winterhalter
Rev. Dean Rhine

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Beulah Cemetery
Topeka, Indiana

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Loving Memory

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Date: 4/7/99 7:51:57 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: hoosierntt@ij.net (hoosierntt)
To: wfitch5413@aol.com (Warren Fiitch)

Hi there,

I like your spelling for bowling. That is what I think of it now. I bowl this morning and dread going. I guess I should stick to golf instead of boowling.The schools are on break this week so I took Rachel Monday afternoon to try and work out my game. Didn't work.

I imagine Mom's stomach hurting is because she has not eaten solid food for quite a while. When I used to visit George's mother she would not eat a thing except dessert and she would complain of a sore stomach. Its good she recognized Mary.

I haven't looked for her birthday present yet. With the girls moving and baby-sitting for them its been a busy time. I also had the termite problem and haven't put the books back on the bookshelf. Dot's son is here this week visiting her. Since I have the room its foolish for him to stay at a motel. He is good at repairing things too so will do a few things for me.

Out beautiful weather has turned hot already. Had to turn on the airconditioner this week. Before that the house could stay open with no heat or cooling. I guess it is summertime already.

Do you change your time? We turned ours ahead last Sunday. It is dark in the mornings now. It takes a while to get used to it.

I guess that is all for now. Maxine

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Spring flowers

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Monday, April 5, 1999 .. Went to Office Depot to make some copies this morning. Needed copies to send out to the Brown families so they can answer my inquiries. Send family group sheets to be filled out. Sent to all dad's step sisters and to Roy, his step-brother. Did the rest of the monthly bookwork. Warren went to the driving range with John and David. Or was that on Tuesday?? Not sure now. It was cool . enough today to need my jacket on Monday.

Tuesday, April 6, 1999 .. Finally got brave enough to install my Family Tree Maker . It went in easily and seems to work OK. I haven't tried the On line part of it yet, but hope that will work properly too when the time comes. It takes a long time to get in all the family information that I have. Not so hard to do, but can only do a little each day. I guess this was the day Warren went to the driving range, because I told him to be sure to tell John that I made it by myself. So I played with the FTM all day. Tonight Katie had a game at Garrett against DeKalb. The girls did not do very well. Katie scored just 4 points. She did shoot more, but was off tonight and so did not get that many points. I think they had 12 altogether, while DeKalb must have had 40 something. About 4 times as much as our girls. Oh well, they are getting a lot of experience. Then the 6th grade played and they won their game. They have been doing really well now and look so much better than the 5th grade does. Hope a year will make a big difference in them. I still wore my jacket today as the wind from the West seemed pretty chilly. Had to keep the fire going most of the day.....

Wednesday, April 7, 1999 .. Much warmer today. In fact it felt hot although it was only 71 degrees. I cleaned out the south flower bed by the house in the afternoon. I had worked on the FTM most of the morning. Warren went golfing with John and David today. They were gone all afternoon.

One of the things I did this week was to check on the post office possibilities around here since Keltsch has closed their post office, we are up a creek without a paddle! So I checked out Huntertown. I did not find one there, but Warren said there was one after I came home. Guess it is a new building and you have to turn at "Spangler's" to get there. I didn't go that way, so didn't find it. I checked out Pak Mail and the will do it for 22 cents for each item. That is 22 cents above the amount of postage it takes. They won't do it for nothing.

Thursday, April 8, 1999 .. Went to WalMart this morning for our monthly medications and a few other things. Looked for Warren some jeans with a 35 waist, but there is none to be had there. Went to Borders and bought a couple magazines. Also finally took the recyclibles that were in my trunk for a week and turned them in at Scotts on North Clinton. Came home to work on FTM a little. Have installed more than 100 names already. I guess that is not hard. I will have thousands before it it over. It was really warm today. In the upper 70s. I planted some broccoli in the garden, some daisies in a couple pots, and a couple geranium starts in a pot or two. Put in some screens as it was hot in the house. We still had a fire this morning and it kept the house much too warm. As I write this, Warren is at Katie's baseball practice. To help them with their pitching.

Friday, April 9, 1999 .. This is now Tuesday of the next week so most of this will run together I suppose. It was very warm for several days, but about Friday night I guess it was we had storms and the air turned much chillier. We did not have much wind here but some places did and lots of rain. We had enough that we had just a little water over the driveway, but not enough to keep us at home. I guess the biggest ones that went through, went on Saturday night.

I have been sticking pretty close to home. Ran to Scotts a couple of times as I took some film in and also some reprints to be done so had to pick them up. Have been putting names into the FTM.

Saturday, April 10, 1999 .. Warren went to practice with Katie today. It was rather cold and chilly compared to what we had earlier in the week. Haven't heard from John and Amy and suppose they are just busy. Usually don't hear as much when John is home as they run to and fro!! Their week of spring break is nearly over. However, it has been just David who was at home as Jenn and Jeremy have been in Florida all week. Won't be home until tomorrow night. Mary went with Timothy to a band concert or contest in Indy today and her sister, Carol, went too. I guess Carol drove. Result was that they won first place in what they did. Guess this group in this grade are pretty good as a band and have been together for quite a while now and work well together.

Sunday, April 11, 1999 .. Guess the only time I was out today was in the morning when I ran to Scotts for my photos. I had the DeLong photos done (the ones from Ohio) for the reunion that is coming up and so got them organized and pages written up on them so if folks want some copies we can work that out. I know they would want to see them at least. Perhaps I could make up a poster board with the photos on and that might be helpful for people to decide which ones they would like. That way they won't have to finger through my books so much to decide which they might like to have. Will also make up some pages with the Ohio DeLong history on. Also the new film had the Newville DeLong stones on it. And the St. Joe River, etc. Plus some of Esther's glassware and that came out pretty good this time. Most of the past ones have been quite fuzzy.

Of course, we did not go to church today again. Warren wants me to decide where to go for the coming week. I still am not at all sure.

Talked to Carol for quite a while tonight. She had some questions about "conscience" and thinking I am a rather

"earthly" person, thought I could give her a little insight. Also was saved later on in life and so that might make a difference too as most of her cohorts were saved as children and their outlook would be different than mine.

Had a movie on about Wyatt Earp tonight with Kevin Costner. It is to continue on tomorrow night. Since we like Westerns we watched it. Chuck Busche also called earlier on in the evening and I had talked to mom and to Mary so seemed like I was on the phone for hours today. Chuck was telling about the gold teeth and fillings that the Lord is putting in the mouths of some of the Christians. Apparently he received a gold tooth or a gold cap on his tooth and is not sure which. Said he would go to his dentist and let him have a look at it. Very interesting! Wonder what the dentist will say??

Monday, April 12, 1999 .. Very cool today and we have had to have the fire going again for the last few days. Even may be down to 30 tonight so it could frost or freeze. But the sun was nice today. Our water in the yard is almost gone. I did have to drive through a little water yesterday when I went out to Scotts, but not that much. Lots up front in Burns Pond (alias Fitches Pond).

I stayed home today again during the day. No need to run to a store for something. I had baked some chicken thighs and we still had some of those left over to eat. And Warren had french fries and a big salad for lunch. We went to watch Katie play basketball tonight and guess we are all glad the games are about over as they did terrible. The 6th grade girls did well again as they have been doing for most of this year after they got started. But Katie's team seems to be going the other way. However, they could have beat this team easily tonight had Katie been able to make her shots. She was not able to and think she had just 2 points out of many tries. The total score was 7 points for Garrett and 8 points for West Noble. So no one was doing well in the scoring part. They both played about the same other than that. A lot of turnovers for both sides. I think maybe our girls outplayed them as we got a lot more shots off, but as they could not make them, it was just a matter of luck who ended up on top. Well, one more game on Thursday and that will be it for this season. Then softball will take over.

The rest of Wyatt Earp was on tonight and got to see the last hour of it. Pretty gruesome, but I guess the old West was that way for the most part. Warren taped it and so can watch the hour we missed before we got home from the game. The game was at Ligoner (that doesn't look right), and that was quite a drive.

Tuesday, April 13, 1999 .. We had sunshine for most of the day, but the air was still very cool. Warren had to get his mom's taxes in the mail. Just received them from the tax lady at Butler who does her taxes every year. I received an e-mail from Ann Hassold. She had a few questions that I tried to answer right away, but need a copy of some Susquehanna Paper pages so Warren did that for me at John's. He was sharpening their mower blades so they can get on with summer. John doesn't have the time to do that kind of stuff. Guess he is going to buy their old van and try to fix it up for him to drive. Not sure how that will work with wood, etc., but the truck is about played out. He was going to have to do something soon. Too bad I already had sent for the license plates or new stickers and they have already come. I should have asked him before I did it, I guess. He had not mentioned anything about the van. Maybe it just happened this last week. They had gone to play golf a couple of times and that may have triggered the conversations about what John was going to do with the van. Amy was afraid to drive it any more. They will soon probably have to do something about a car for Jeremy as he will be driving. I am sure Amy won't be in any hurry to get him on the road!! Boys are a little more worrisome on that than the girls are. Daniel and Jared have both had their share of mishaps, but guess so did Jennifer and Judy, just not quite so serious.

Warren had a doctor's appointment this afternoon and everything is OK. Nothing to worry about, but he wants him to have a blood test series and he will do that on Thursday I guess. Guess the doctor is not worried about a little elevation in his blood pressure. And sometimes it is way down too. Not like mine which stays up there pretty steadily. So now he is going to go and check on hearing aids for himself.

Wednesday, April 14, 1999 .. Another sunny day and it seemed warm out. Think it must have been in the 60's, but had to keep a little fire going even though I had some windows open during the day. It cooled off very fast at night. I went into town this morning about 11 am. Wanted to make some copies of the DeLong graveyard photos as an example if the people should want to have some made like that. Also bought a poster board and may try to mount all of them for easy vewing. Bill e-mailed me to ask a few questions about the coming reunion and if I would check with the Cracker Barrel to find out about a breakfast there.

Then I went on to Target. Warren had wanted some jeans, but they must be 35 in the waist and they are so hard to find, but did find 2 pair of jeans and a black pair of jeans there with 35 waists, so bought all three. Plus some undershorts. What a birthday present!! Then stopped at JoAnns for a look-see. I was looking for some fabric for slacks. Can't believe I didn't have enough from when I worked there, but seems I have every other kind of fabric, but sport weight slack stuff. I had blue and black, but already used all that and the brown too. One problem is the extra weight that I am now carrying, but most of what I had were beginning to look pretty tacky anyway. So bought a wine piece, a light blue piece, and a navy piece. I will have to watch for gabradreme on sale as that is what I want to use. Today it was not on sale and runs $5.99 a yard when it is not on sale. But $7 isn't too bad for slacks as if I buy a pair they will run $15 at least and they do not fit well at all. Now all I have to do is get them cut out and made. Then I went on to WalMart and there I bought a lamp shade for Esther's quilting lamp that I put in my sewing room. It is a nice light, but she could no longer keep it in her room as it has black iron legs that stick

out and would be easily fallen over by everyone who had to work around it. So I brought it home. She could never see when it was on anyway. If she needs a light it should be a wall type I think. We have not decorated her room much, as she does not see what is there as it is. She never looks at her photo board either. Wonder what goes through her mind hour after hour.

Went on to Scotts for a few groceries and then on home. Warren had mowed our yard and it looks pretty nice. Is to rain tomorrow maybe and for the rest of the week end. This was to be our best day, and it was nice! Worked some, then on the Family Tree Maker, imputing folks.

Timothy had a track meet that we did not go to. Guess I forgot it until it was too late. I had planned on Katie's games this week and that was it. Mary called to say that they took first place in the 400 meter relay and Timothy is running the last lap. And that he took 2nd in another and 3rd in one. Almost got 2nd in that one. So he is doing really well so far. Guess Jake beat him out in the one he got 2nd in. Remember Jake, from baseball?? Not sure what all he is running. The 100 , and maybe 200, I think. Will just have to go to get it all straight in my mind. Track is still rather a new thing for me. And what used to be yards are now metres. Is that the way it is spelled? Jeremy also went to be with the Blackhawk baseball team but has not gotten to play. Probably will not play much as they already have a senior third baseman who is very good and they won't put Jeremy in as long as they have him to do the job. At least he is getting more practice that should help him while at Huntertown this summer.

Thursday, April 15, 1999 .. Well today Warren is 70. So hard to believe. We got an e-mail from Maxine wishing him happy birthday. She also said she was going to send him a card by e-mail, but we never got it all day. Perhaps she didn't do it right. It was raining today as promised. Light most of the day, but by evening it was coming down pretty good. I had some mail to get in the box, so after Warren came back from getting his blood test I took off for Keltsch's to do that, and stop at a couple garage sales. Whoopie! Found a file card box for my records for this year for 10 cents, and a little painted china plate for the Christmas collection, stocking stuffers category. Also brought home an angel snow globe that is musical, but the water is all gone. Thought maybe I could fix the water part, but I can't so it wasn't much of a buy at 75 cents I guess. The music plays and can add it to my angel Christmas collection. Win some and lose some.

Warren did go in to have a look at hearing aids and what can be done to help him with his hearing problem. The outlook is not very good. The bad ear cannot be helped at all as the problem is with the understanding of the sounds he hears and not with the volume necessarily. So he can hear noises, but cannot make out the words in that ear. They said even surgery will do no good in his case. And the other ear is way down but they will fit him with an aid for that ear and hope that will be OK for a while anyway. They didn't say it would continue to go down, but it probably will as it seems that is what happened to his other ear. I said we would have to begin to learn "signing". Well, he is not quite ready to go to that extreme, but suppose if he lives as long as his mother, he will also not be able to hear anything after a while. However, she seemed pretty good until in her 80's and he has

had trouble for quite a few years now. He said that we will start back to church after he gets his hearing aid. And think he is right. It will do him no good to go to church if he cannot hear anything that is going on. Suppose we could go to First Assembly and get in on the music and then leave! That would be interesting! It was working pretty well at Vineyard. At least when the earphones were working ok he could hear most of what was going on. Well, suppose that has gone by the way at this point. I still think I should write to Phil and Jan, but each time I think about it, I just start crying. Not sure what I can say. I am just hurt by what happened more than I want to admit. Seems like 13 years just wasted. I know better, but it hurts just the same.

Another thing that hurts some that I never wrote about is the relationship that has happened with Chuck and Warren. Chuck has gotten so down about everything when they go bowling or anything and his attitude is so destructive that Warren is finally even seeing it as a lost cause. He is afraid he is even enjoying the abusive jousting they do. I guess when he said they would have to go golfing with John this summer and Chuck said it would be no fun, it just dawned on Warren that he will never be happy unless he is in a WIN situation. Cannot stand to lose, and so perhaps that is why he is always running everything and everybody down if he does lose. And with Warren he is bound to lose more than to win. Just a fact of life!! Shelby said he was not used to losing. Warren was just getting tired of it being that way. He wanted to be his friend. I could see I could not stand to be around that kind of a person very long. I have a hard enough time with my mom who is so negative also, but in a different way. Hers is that she sees herself as a loser all the time and can't see anything good that does happen to her and she is a victim of her circumstances. So Warren is going to have to return all the stuff he has of Chucks, like TVs etc., that he thought he might get fixed some day for Chuck. Well, enough of this. He will probably have to talk to Shelby and explain the situation.

Katie had another game tonight at Carroll Middle School. They got beat again, and seems the girls could not get many shots away and when they did they could not hit the basket. Katie had maybe 5 points. I am not sure but think she got 2 baskets and one foul shot that she made. She ended up getting hurt and they stopped the game. Actually they were playing extra quarters when she got hurt. The regular game was over and they had lost it. But the Carroll girls seemed so rough and Katie got hit at the end and hurt her knees when she fell. She was in tears. Our coach asked if they had to be so rough and a few parents got in on the conversation and so the ref just said they were done, so we just came on home. They were quite rough, but a couple of our girls also were getting a little mad I think and were getting rough too. Well, that is it for this season. Now back to softball for Katie. Not much good on TV tonight, but watched "Promised Land"..

Subj: **BIG "70"**
Date: 4/14/99 9:57:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: hoosierntt@ij.net (hoosierntt)
To: wfitch5413@aol.com (Warren Fiitch)

Hi There!!

How does it feel to be 70? You have an easy date to remember because of tax time. Does Betty have a birthday in May? I guess she will not be 70 until next year. Anymore they all seem the same. I have a card that I will be sending by email that has a sound to it so turn up the volume. I will send it after this. Hopefully I can do it.

I received information for the school reunion. I guess they make up there own golf teams. I may just forget about playing and visit Mom instead. They have music in the park on Friday night which I may go to. Also our class has a dinner at St. James Restaurant in Avilla on Saturday night. I think the Fitch reunion has a picnic on Saturday at noon. I'm sure Betty knows about that since she is organizing everything.

I'm going to look about buying a car. I want to test drive several so I know what kind I want. It will probably be a Honda Accord or Toyota. My car is an 87 and has almost 70,000 miles. Its been a good car but since I take Dot I need something that is reliable.

How are things going up there? I haven't been shopping yet for Mom but will try to do that next week. I have looked some but the cotton dusters when put on backwards would be high around the neck. They should have more to choose from since it is close to Mother's Day. I will let you know when I will be sending the package. I guess that is all for now. Have a great Birthday!!!!!!

Maxine

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Friday, April 16, 1999 .. Well, it is a few days later. My printer cartridge ran out of ink and I just got it fixed so can do the diaries again. This is now Tuesday, so will have to back up and see if I can remember what went on. Guess most of the time has been spent in getting the names in the Family Tree Maker and whatever else had to be done. Apparently I did no shopping in the meantime as I have no checks written. Our weather has been cool and wet for the most part. And still is today with fog in the mornings.

John had gone to Chicago for 2 days which I think were for Thursday and Friday or Friday and Saturday. I know by Sunday he was at home, so since he had mentioned that he had some cartridges for the printer over there and they can't use them on the printers they currently have, he just said I could have them. So that was how I got the printer going again. Put them in on Monday morning. Warren went to Auburn and saw his mom and then went bowling some. I went to a couple garage sales in the morning. Didn't find anything. I had to get some things in the mail too. Guess I did bring home a little bone dish and a file box for 10 cents.

Saturday, April 17, 1999 .. Well this was a day of some clouds and coolness. It was supposed to rain so they had called off Katie's softball practice that Warren was going to go to. So even though it didn't rain, the fields were sopped from yesterday. So in the afternoon we went bowling. Though we did win 3 our of 4 points against Howie, we really did not do well. Guess Nancy and Roger did OK, but Warren and I didn't do much at all. By the second game my hip and legs were hurting me pretty badly and I just couldn't get up to the line. I wobbled all over and so had no consistancy at all. Actually we were just bowling against Dave Cook and his mom, as Joan and Howie were not there. They had something else they had to do. But we won and so it looks like next time, which is position bowling, we will be bowling against the Harveys, Bob and Karen. Not really looking forward to that at all. But we won the first half and if we could get three we would win the second half and would not have to bowl off for the league championship. If we lose, we will have to bowl it off in another two weeks. And would have to no doubt bowl them again as don't think anyone can catch them. Well we know they can't if the win and if they don't it doesn't matter as we would have it. Just worried about my legs and if they will hold up for anther two times of bowling.

Sunday April 18, 1999 .. Yes, on the 18th of April in '75 ..... Oh well, that was a long time ago. No church again as Warren has not heard anything about his hearing aid and that was necessary to see if he could even hear at church at all. I just have been putting names in the Family Tree Maker. Finally am down to the last families that I have to put in for our families. Well that is not entirely true, as I have all the side families and most of the Fitches further back should I chose to do it that way. Now Bill would like the information to put in his computer so will have to send that to him both of the DeLongs and the Fitches from the Thomas Fitch family. And I need to go through and fill in facts like cemeteries, residences, occupations, and religions etc. and all the stories that I might wish to add about each person. Now they said I have more than 800 names in the computer. Well, can't have stories about all of them, now can I??

Monday, April 19, 1999 .. Oh, Oh, forgot to send Kyle an e-mail. Well he may be at school anyway so probably would not be at home to get it if I did send it. It seemed a little warmer today and perhaps will be for the next few days. They said it might hit 70 in a couple of days, but more rain is in store. In Florida they are so dry they are having fires again and in other places in the US it is also so very dry. Well, we may be glad later on in the summer for all this rain in the spring. Hard to tell, what will happen with the weather anymore.

I had planned to go to town, but had so many little odds and ends to do that I didn't do it. Did some laundry. Seems I don't iron much anymore! Just wash and wear I guess. Still have a little stack going that needs to be ironed. Perhaps it is because I have been wearing sweat shirts all winter and didn't need to iron a blouse to go under those. Soon it will be too warm for sweats, except in the evenings when ball games start again.

Warren had an episode with his acid reflux again one night this week. It must have been on Saturday night because he was hungry when we got home from bowling and ate too much, too late. Even though he stayed up for several hours, it hit him anyway and he was in a bad way. Even had to use his inhaler. So now he must be more careful and not eat before bedtime. Best if he cut it off about 6 pm I would say.

Have gotten e-mails from Maxine, from Floyd Brown, from Adam Barrone, from Ruth Schlemmer, and from Bill Cassell and Karen this weekend. Bill is sending out the reunion invitations and wanted a little advice. Floyd is sending me some family group sheets he did with a little more about his sources of info, Adam wants to know if any of the relatives in the Brown Cemetery are veterans. We never did get the e-mail birthday card that Maxine sent to us. Talked to mom a couple of times. She seems a little more content now that she can work outside, but wears herself out in the process. Suppose that is a good thing. Guess that is all I can think of for now.

Forgot to say that when we bowled on Saturday, Mary did very well and she had a good 200 game. I am sure it was more than mine so she will take first place in the high game contest. Next time will still count, but I am thinking my legs will not allow me to even do a decent job, but will try. You never can tell. Think Carol's high series takes the first half. Not sure, but she did so well the first few weeks.
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Tuesday, April 20, 1999 .. Another block of days. Seems like I never get around to doing my diary anymore until several days have passed. Guess I must have stayed home on Tuesday. Warren went to help Katie's team practice in the evening. It was a fairly mild day but always turns cool in the evening. Have been working on FTM and getting ready for what needs to be done for the reunion. Bill is sending out the invitations and first wanted my approval. He was not sure where the pavillion was so I need to go have a look at it. Thought maybe Warren would get home before dark, but it was too late to go by the time he got home and he was tired anyway.

But I sent him back an e-mail telling him where I thought it was and can correct that after I do have a look at it. That way he can go ahead and be getting all the other things ready for his mailing. Guess we are going to charge $5 per person to cover the cost of the building and all involved. The big expense now is the mailing and the newsletter which everyone loves, so think they should be willing to pay something for that. Will still need other donations too.

Wednesday, April 21, 1999 .. This was a warmer day, in the upper 60's. We went to Timothy's track meet tonight. He ran the last lap of the 400 relay and they won by a big margin. Timothy has gotten a lot faster and better than he was last year. Then he ran the 200 and came in 2nd losing out to a fellow from Kendallville. But this time at least he did beat Jake who is usually faster than he is. I think he said it was his fastest time so far to run it. Those were the only two he ran tonight. The rain held off until after the meet was over. I find that my daisies and marigolds that I planted during that earlier warm spell are now coming through pretty good. Should have enough for some transplanting if I can get the ground ready in some other places. There will be just one gold tulip and that will only be if the deer do not come along and eat it off. Still have the yellow ones by the fence that they have not found as yet and maybe they will bloom for me.

I did run into town this morning. Wanted to get some copies made of the Lewis and Martha Brown Sprague photo and then on to WalMart to buy some sweatshirts for Warren so he doesn't look so bedraggled when we go to ball games and to Michaels and then to Scotts for a few groceries. They are putting Keltsch into Scotts now and so are rearranging the whole place. Last week when I was in there, it was a disaster as they had just started moving things. Today things were pretty much in place. It may be nicer because all the sundry items that are not groceries are next to the Keltsch booth. They have not changed the produce or the meat and frozen sections.

Thursday, April 22, 1999 .. It was still warmer today and we let the furnace go out in the afternoon and evening. Must have been in the low 70's but it was still cloudy and we had more rain after 5 pm. Warren went to the girl's practice, but no one was there and by the time he left Garrett guess it was raining pretty good. There were thunderstorm and tornado warnings out all evening here and there. We didn't have much here except for some rain.

Worked on filling in the DeLong notes and by evening had run off about 30 or more pages of Family Group Sheets to send to Bill. Probably will just make copies to send to him and keep this set to improve and work on. Keep learning new things all the

time, like each page had a place for phone and address and I certainly don't need that on folks who never even had a phone, so finally found a way to cut that off the page. There were some interesting notes and stories about the DeLongs so I included those even though I think Bill only wants the facts. And some are just speculation anyway on who was in whose families. Hope to find out the answers some day, but will send him all of it anyway and explain and he can use what he wants to and leave the rest out.

I still need to do up the alternate Fitch genealogy to send to him. He said it could be printed in the Newsletter. Guess I should wait another couple of months and see what else I might be able to find to add to that as well as some pages of DeLong stuff that they might find interesting and want copies of. Most folks will just want it in short form and not the family group sheets like I could produce. I also like a short form to look at and get the whole picture at one look. Will need to refind my books also before that time on the DeLongs and Fitches and Hollopeters and Vandolahs.

Warren still has not gotten his diet from the doctor on what he is not supposed to eat to help lower his cholesterol. They must not be very much on the ball or they forgot to even put it in the mail. When I went to the store I looked closely at the items that I usually buy and find a lot of them don't have cholesterol anyway. About the only thing we will have to cut down on is meat, eggs, cheese and milk. And that seems to be most of our diet anyway!! No wonder we are in such trouble!

Friday, April 23, 1999 .. Overnight we had rain all night. Warren said that he heard on TV that there was 1 ½ inches in a short period of time and that was before he even came to bed. We do have water up in the yard higher than it has been for quite some time and still going up at this writing. And it is still raining too and is to continue for a while before it gives up although they thought we would have a "dry" weekend. Maybe others will, but our weekend is never dry when we have a lake in the yard. Hope mom didn't have any trouble with her basement. When it rains, she stays up all night and sits down there and stands guard over her standpipe!! I think she is afraid that the pressure will be so great that it will hop out of place and pour into her basement. Also she has a "trickle" of clean water that runs across the floor and gathers in her sump pump area and is afraid the power will go off and she will have to dip it out. It hasn't ever really happened, but guess it could. Several in the neighborhood have had bad backups in their basements and the city has promised they will work on that this summer. But it has not been done as yet. So suppose I will hear afterwhile that she has been laboring down there all night, afraid to go to bed. And it looks like it may still rain some more yet today. I will not call her as she could be catnapping and if she is, don't want to wake her. I can't get out to help her anyway. She is either on her own or she can call on Lois who is only a few blocks away, or the neighbors could maybe help as a last resort should something happen and water does come in her basement. I hope when the city gets this fixed that she will be able to get her rest. There is nothing we can do to make a difference in the way things are in the drain situations in that area, and to stop the trickle, would take major reconstruction of her basement and I am sure she does not want to go through that.

Mom did call later on in the day and she said she had stayed up until after 11 pm and then went to bed. Guess she was blissfully unaware that it did rain more after midnight! No problems, her basement was fine. I stayed home all day naturally. Worked on FTM and getting DeLong papers ready to send to Bill. Had to imput a lot of information before I can print them up for Bill. .

Saturday, April 24, 1999 .. Water down before noon. There was still a little there over the driveway all morning. Warren went to ball practice at Garrett for Katie from noon to two. We finally heard from Steve and Judy. Tim had had an accident in Florida and ended up with a broken leg and so they were going down this week to visit with him and see how things are going. He was acting like a kid again. So they have been busy. This happened several weeks ago and he is on crutches but may be able soon to get back to work.

Jeanette Franklin died this week and the funeral is tomorrow at Union Chapel. We will probably go.

Jeremy played baseball at Hamilton today. They had two games and so Jeremy did get to play a little. He got to pinch-hit and play third base a couple of innings. Amy said he was happy with that. John went without his ball hat and got a really good sunburn on his head. It seemed cool, but that sun was shining all day.

Sunday, April 25, 1999 .. Today I wrote a letter to Phil and Jan. Had put it off for quite a while giving them a chance to come to see us on their own. Since they did not and we didn't hear from them, I thought it was time to write. So I did and if Warren approved it, then I would send it. If not, I would not. But he did so will get it off tomorrow or Tuesday.

About 4 pm we went to see Eunice Zehr. She had sent me a note saying that she had a old photo of the old Shilling house and I could get it copied if I wanted to, so we stopped by to pick that up and looked at some of her other pictures. She gave me about 10 of them to get copies of. We stayed and talked for a while and then had to get on to the funeral of Jeanette. I guess what happened was that they found her in the parking lot at White Swan, passed out, and took her to Lutheran (where she worked) and found she had a massive tumor in her head and it was inoperable so nothing they could do to save her life. She did not have to linger long though and died very quickly of the problem. Frank got there and with her nurse friends they sat with her until she was gone. Frank had the funeral along with the present pastor of the church. The church was full and so many folks came. People we had not seen for years and years. It was more like a reunion than a funeral. But we had never been that close to Jeanette, but since Frank and Ruth were like her foster parents, we went mainly to support them. Elaine and her husband were there from Pennsylvania. That was a real surprise. Dean Benz came. Paul and Nancy Graber and of course, many from the church that are still attending like Norm and Maxine, Pattie and Tom, Pattie and Dwight, Winston and Jean, and of course Frank and Ruth. Ruth has had cancer and still had two chemo treatments left, but is sailing through them pretty well. But she is very thin and quite tired and not sure what the results will be. She did not say where the cancer was and I did not ask, except that she was feeling pretty good, but tired. She had to give up her teaching, at least

for now. Frank was so tired, but of course, he had been on the go since Wednesday and he said that they have had so many deaths up at his church that this was telling on him and you could tell he was a little out of it. Not his usual enthusiastic self. But they gave a good salvation message to the nurses, who may or may not be Christians, but came to support Jeanette because she must have been a good friend to them. Must have been about 20 of them that came. Afterwards, there was some refreshments in the basement and we sat around and talked until about 10 pm and then came on home. It was good to see all of the old group, but we both know we can't go back there as a church. The truth is that most of our friends from there are no longer there. Maxine and Norm come just part of the time as they are either at the lake or in Florida a lot. Of course, Elaine is gone and Frank and Ruth, Paul and Nancy, Tom Wulpi. Winston has his own church. So it would not be anything like it was even though it seemed pretty much the same tonight. Jeanette will be taken to Topeka, Indiana, to be buried tomorrow and then Lord, please give Frank some rest.

Monday, April 26, 1999.. Weather warmed up a little today. Mostly sunshine and is drying out the wet ground and the trees are finally beginning to bud out. The forsythia has been blooming for a week or so now and has been pretty. It must bloom about two weeks before the leaves start coming out. Needed to make a trip into town today and so went to Office Depot to get the pictures copied and stopped at Scotts for a few things. Also stopped at Dollar General at Washington Square, and found out that "Dave's Plants" will be there, maybe even tomorrow. I think the sign said the 27th. But he was not there today and no plants had come in. If they had I might have bought a few. So glad he will be there again. He usually has all the plants that I want.

Sent the letter to Phil and Jan. I hope it was the right thing to do. For their sake, even more than ours, they need to stop and think about what is happening at the church and how can God keep blessing if it continues to happen?

Katie's team had a scrimmage game at Garrett at 4 pm and Warren went to that. I received a list of Floyd Brown's sources on which he based his conclusions on the Brown genealogy. He just sent me a list of that they were and will send me some of the papers if I want them. Copies of course, but suppose that is all he has too.

Was about 72 today and warmer than they had thought it would be. Down to 40 overnight. To run in the upper 60s and low 70s for the rest of the week. Will need a little fire, but not much. Depending on if the sun shines I guess. They are hoping for a fairly dry week, with just a chance of rain tomorrow and Wednesday.

I checked my broccoli and found it was coming up in the regular garden. I had forgotten what it was I planted out there until I went to look. It likes cool weather and hope it will make a dozen or so plants. Some will have to be replanted.

Subj: **woopee**
Date: 4/23/99 4:58:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: shutch@Main-Net.com (Steven Hutchings)
Reply-to: shutch@Main-Net.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com (Betty Fitch)

Hi too all,
Just a short note to say,, vacation is here, we [Judy and I] will be going to Florida alone but we have some care packages to share. At last chat,
Tim he has gotten to use his crutches and is driving again, ah too be young again.Probably will be off the Email till next weekend but Scott usally
gets most of the mail anyway, so say hi to Scott.
So I'll write some more when we get back and tell you all about it,well the
good stuff anyway, and will be happy to report a good time was had by all,
I hope.
Eya Steve
PS, Warren I haven't forgotten your VCR needs and when I was up a couple a weeks ago I forgot them till I was half way there, I have the letter you wrote tooo
many weeks ago but my mind, well. I don't know if I told you about Tim so I will now, 3 or 4 weeks ago he had an accident in the Gulf, he went out for the last ride on his bosses wave runner and got over powered by his own wake and it almost threw him off but he hung on, it jurked him and dislocated his left shoulder and his leg hit the engine compartment and broke his leg in 2 places below the knee. The boy just won't grow up. Well anyway you read the upper letter, so now you know the rest of the story. We thought Judy was going alittle early, when it happened but he said his friends could help till my vacation came up , so like it or not, we usally go north this time of year we are go'in south. I did say a short letter didn't I. Everybody else is OK , I saw Jennette Franklin, in the obituaries this morning?

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Tuesday, April 27, 1999 .. Nice sunny day but with the air quite cool. Stayed home today. By evening we had some clouds come in and had a few showers overnight. Not much this time, but heard it raining during the night a few times. Hoping to hear from Phil and Jan, but perhaps it is just too early. I know they are busy. Did a little laundry. Worked on FTM on computer and the day just whisked away. Got package from Maxine for her mom for her birthday. She sent a duster and some socks. We will go up tomorrow sometime. Warren is to go get his hearing aid tomorrow as they called to say that it was in.

Somehow the first program that I tried to record on Sunday night did not go on the tape. Guess what happened was that the station ended up putting it on at the wrong time. I guess that probably whatever sports program they had on went longer than it was supposed to and I ended up with "Touched by an Angel" and only half of the program I wanted. The second one was OK because it was on Channel 39 and that is usually on time. So we did watch "Frenchman's Creek" which Warren thought was going to be an American Indian show and it was really an old English show which was fine because it was fairly good, except the language was not good. Seems there is not much on any more that is fit to watch. No wonder we have things like the Littleton school killings that we just had. I did not write about that but suppose it will be remembered as it was the worse school situation that we have seen thus far. 15 high school kids were killed and 1 teacher. And the boys who did the shooting killed themselves. People just can't get it through their heads that by taking God out of our schools, by putting all this awful stuff on TV and in the movies and music, that it will produce an awful result. We are what we see and what we listen to, and if it doesn't happen right away, eventually it will happen. If not in this generation, in the next. The only way to survive is to back up and reverse this trend that has been killing us since about 1960. I am sure it was bad before them too, but it is now moving so much faster toward death and destruction. There are always 2 sides to the situation and some just want the bandaids put on and don't want the surgery that is necessary to heal up the wounds. In truth, we need the surgery and we also need the bandaids but the two sides fight against each other and nothing gets done at all. Each one wants to have it their way. It did not get to this condition overnight and it won't be corrected overnight either. Slap on those bandaids, but make an appointment for the surgery!! My sermon for today, I guess.

Wednesday, April 28, 1999 .. Well, this is Warren's mom's birthday and she is 99 years old. We were in for a bad surprise when we got to the home as she was in bad shape. The nurses are not sure if it is the Haldol she is taking or if she has maybe had some kind of a stroke. They are taking her off the medication to see if that is it. She could not speak even though she tried several times, and she would not, or could not, swallow the food we tried to give her. She sucked a little strawberry milk into her mouth, but could not swallow it. It just dribbled out after a while. She would just hold it in her mouth. But

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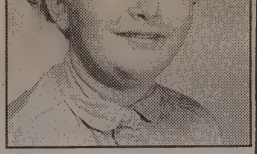

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Jessica Hensley said her son, Kyle, was terrified as their car sank Monday morning in a pond at Ponytown, a private campground on Gump Road in northern Allen County.

Hero

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ately belly-flopped into the water, she said.

''It was like lightning,'' Jessica Hensley said.

Jessica Hensley said she was desperately trying to open a car door, but it was too late.

The front end of the car plunged over a short cliff and into the pond, where the water was shallow and muddy. But the water dropped off significantly just a few feet from the shore.

Hensley and Stanton struggled with car doors, but they couldn't muster the strength to open them.

Jessica Hensley thought maybe her son had locked the door.

During the struggle, her eyes met Kyle's.

''He was terrified,'' Jessica Hensley said. ''He started crying.''

Robinson said he got the door open.

He reached for Kyle, but he wouldn't come.

''He was frozen,'' said Robinson, who finally managed to coax Kyle to him.

Struggling to stay above water, Robinson passed Kyle to Natasha Stanton.

''I was under water carrying him,'' Natasha Stanton said. ''I was bobbing, just trying to hold him above water.''

Kyle was not hurt, except for a bruise on his forehead, believed to be from the car's plunge into the pond.

Robinson, unshaven and sunburned at his Eby Avenue home Monday night, talked about his 16-year-old daughter and her infant child.

''I just hope someday, somebody helps them if they need it,'' he said.

China

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States is a NATO-like intervention in China's struggles with independence-minded Taiwan and Tibet – or even North Korea. The situation ''creates an urgent desire to purchase advanced military equipment as soon as possible,'' said Gen. Wang Zuxun, head of the People's Liberation Army's military science academy.

As a result, China's military budget will ''definitely'' get a boost this year for high-tech research and development and weapons purchases, said another Chinese defense analyst close to the leadership.

The army has outlined three basic goals to upgrade its nuclear missile capability: to replace liquid-fuel missiles with solid-fuel ones; to replace silo-based rockets with hard-to-target mobile missiles; and to enhance nuclear submarine survivability. The technology allegedly taken from the United States is in line with those goals.

But even so, said the Chinese analyst, ''any Chinese improvements in modernization can still not close the gap or affect the imbalance of power with the United States.''

China has fewer than two dozen nuclear missiles – in contrast with America's 6,000-plus warheads – and has pledged not to strike first, mainly because it cannot afford to do so militarily The United States maintains a first-strike option, but during President Clinton's visit to China last June, both countries agreed not to point their nuclear weapons at each other.

But conservatives in Beijing and Washington are certainly pointing fingers at each other. The war in Yugoslavia, combined with security fears heightened by the Cox report, will mean increased defense budgets for both sides.

But the conclusions about damage done by the alleged espionage may be overblown.

''The U.S. is no more at threat now than before this alleged espionage,'' said James Mulvenon, a Rand Corp. military expert who testified before the committee and was visiting China when the report came out. ''It's only half the battle to steal technology,'' he said. ''China has not fielded any weapon – and does not appear to be planning to – that has any technology said to be stolen.''

An independent review of the Cox report led by retired Adm. David Jeremiah concluded that espionage accelerated China's nuclear weapons program and helped Chinese scientists avoid costly dead-ends in research.

But the acquired information ''has not resulted in any apparent modernization of their deployed strategic force or any new nuclear weapons deployment,'' said the damage assessment.

Also at stake in the short term is Chinese support of a Kosovo peace plan – important because of China's veto power in the U.N. Security Council – along with talks on the nation's joining the World Trade Organization and cooperation on human rights. But the worst damage, if China has indeed gained new nuclear weapons capability and lost the inclination to engage with the United States, would be the abrogation of its agreement not to sell or give nuclear technology to rogue states.

The Chinese State Council spokesman on Monday, while insisting that China has independently developed its own nuclear technology, brandished color pictures and information about the seven nuclear warhead designs allegedly stolen from the United States. He said the details of the weapons are available on the Internet. ''They are no longer secrets, so there is nothing to 'steal.' ''

Raid

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separatist guerrilla group that has battled Milosevic's forces for 15

tillery pounded KLA positions along the Kosovo-Albania border Monday while U.S. armor-busting A-10 jets countered with strikes against the Yugoslavs' hillside positions, drawing anti-aircraft fire.

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the other teams simply did not show up, so it was a real frustrating season."

Novy added, "We played 12 out of 22 games that were scheduled."

Novy's squad lost to Central Noble 17-6 on May 27 and lost

Josh Clemens and Derek Watson both had two hits each against DeKalb and Collins hit a double to drive in two runs.

Moyer, Peeper and Glaser also had base hits.

Bobby York and Collins pitched for Garrett.

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Top Scores: Jim Grawcock 37, Wayne Peters 39, Darren Peters 39.

Sixth Grade Girl's Traveling Team

The 1999 Sixth Grade Girl's Traveling Basketball team recently completed a successful 15-game season. Their season was highlighted by home and away wins over DeKalb. Girls that competed on this team are, front row, left to right - Bailee Souder, Mallory Knott, Kelli Dove and Devin Feagler. Back row - Assistant Coach Jim Souder, Taya Howard, Kayleight Strock, Jade Januseski, Melissa Getts, Kelly Landes, Nicole Koskie and Coach John Bodey. A special thanks to all the parents who supported the girls this season.

Fifth Grade Girl's Traveling Team

The Fifth Grade Girl's Traveling Basketball team recently completed their 1999 season. Wins over West Noble and Perry Hill highlighted their season. The girls that competed are, front row, left to right - Kayleight Maggert and Katie Fitch. Back row - Coach Larry Kirkpatrick, Brandy Isaac, Cassie Kirkpatrick, Danyell Smurr, Allysa Huelsenbeck and Coach Jessica Januseski. Not present - Ally Cummins. A very special thanks to those who helped referee the home games.

Jr. High track teams split against Angola

The Garrett girls Jr. High track team won a hard fought 54-46 meet against Angola on Monday at Memorial Track and Field.

Angola's boys team won by a 73-36 margin.

Teela Sullivan was a triple winner for the girls team winning the long jump, the 800 meter run and the 1600 meter run.

Kelly Surfus won the shot put and the 800 relay team of Theresa Esselburn, Lindsay Weller, Dani Collins and Elizabeth Walker were victorious.

For the boys Trevor Moe won the 800 meter run, James Knepper won the pole vault, Daniel Claxton won the discus and Justin Hawkins won the 110 hurdles.

Girls Summary

100 hurdles—Frick (A) 17.3, Blotkamp (G) 18.8, Crabtree (A) 18.8.

400—Meade (A) 71.8, Esselburn (G) 71.9, Schuler (A) 73.6.

100—Frick (A) 14.1, Walker (G) 14.27, Blotkamp (G) 14.3.

200—Harden (A) 30.6, Blotkamp (G) 30.8, Marti (A) 31.2.

1600—Sullivan (G) 6:19, Weller (G) 6:35, Peters (A) 6:43.8.

Shot put—Surfus (G) 32'11", Church (A) 32'6", McGrew (G) 29'10 1/2".

Discus—Church (A) 94'5 1/2", Surfus (G) 85'5", McGrew (G) 84'5".

High jump—True (A) 4'6", Esselburn (G) 4'2", Schuler (A) 4'2".

Long jump—Sullivan (G) 12'9 1/2", Frick (A) 12'9", True (A) 12'7".

400 relay—Angola 57.5.

800 relay—Garrett 2:05.6.

Boys Summary

110 hurdles—Hawkins (G) 17.0, Hartman (A) 18.88, Poor (A) 18.89.

400—Beard (A) 58.7, Hartman (A) 62.8, Noll (A) 67.0.

100—Price (A) 12.5, Noll (A) 12.8, Nigro (A) 13.0.

200—Brook (A) 26.0, Costin 26.5, Didion (G) 26.6.

1600—Poor (A) 5:27, May (A) 5:28.9, Novy (G) 5:29.5.

800—Moe (G) 2:27.9, Poor (A) 2:28.7, Beard (A) 2:32.

Shot put—Howe (A) 40'7", Costin (G) 39'5", Claxton (G) 37' 1 1/2".

Discus—Claxton (G) 114', Maurer (G) 105'4 1/2", McNutt (G) 104'3".

High jump—Hartman (A) 5'4", Poor (A) 5'2", Nigro (A) 4'10".

Long jump—Price (A) 16'1", Deahl (A) 15'4", Bruick (A) 15' 2 3/4".

Pole vault—Knepper (G) 9'6", Moe (G) 8'6" Fredrick (A) 7'6".

400 relay—Angola 49.7.

800 relay—Angola 1:50.4.

Tri County Meet

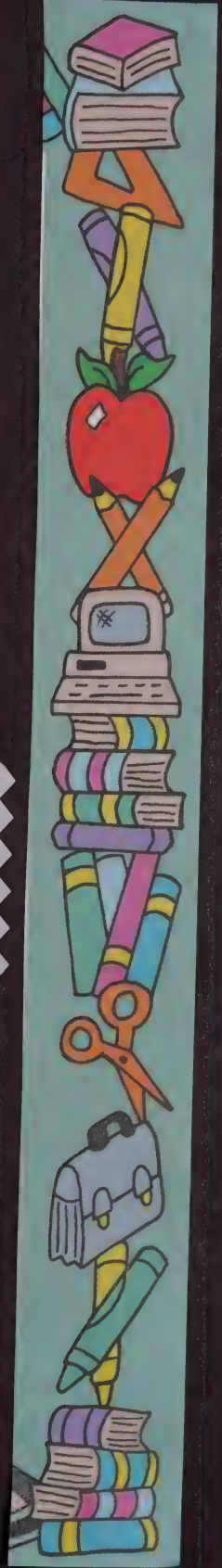
The Tri County Meet will be ran on Monday, May 17, not Saturday, May 15 as scheduled.

The Meet will be held at Angola and field events begin at 4:45 p.m., running trials at 5:15 and running finals at 5:45 p.m.

Garrett Coach Skip Smeltzer says his girls team has a good chance of winning the conference crown as they have beaten all of their conference opponents during the season.

A rash of injuries to the boys team hurt their performance against Angola and if they can heal their injuries they should finish high in the conference meet.

Photos by Kelly



Railroaders halt streak, win two games in a row

The Garrett Railroaders baseball team had sank to the bottom of the abyss last Saturday when they lost to Columbia City by scores of 22-0 and 15-5.

The losses were their 13th and 14th in a row.

They had only one direction to go and that was up and that is exactly what they did this week winning two consecutive games to halt the losing streak that has been haunting them since April 14.

The victims of the Railroader turnaround was Woodlan on Monday and Fremont on Tuesday.

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The G-Men scored three runs in the first inning against Woodlan and this time held onto a hard fought 4-3 victory.

Garrett pushed three runs across the plate in the third inning to break a 1-1 tie with Fremont on Tuesday by a 4-1 score.

The pair of wins gives the Railroader's a 3 and 14 record, but right now I'm sure the G-Men and coaching staff are all thinking they are 2 and 0 with a rebirth of their season.

Senior Brandon Bowman played a huge part in ending the Railroader losing streak by tossing a six hitter at the Warriors.

Bowman pitched all seven innings and gave up three runs, on six hits, struck out a dozen and walked three.

Dustin Waters had a great game at the plate going 3 for 4 with two runs batted, in including a single that scored Isaac Harmon in the seventh that was the go ahead run.

Jarod Lantz was 2 for 3 with a pair of singles and Harmon and Andy Blotkamp also had base hits.

Garrett jumped out to a 3-0 lead when Brad Knepper reached on an error and Nate Binz walked. Harmon knocked in Knepper with a single and Waters followed with another single to score Binz.

Blotkamp drew a walk to load the bases and when Bowman grounded out to the shortstop

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Jr. High teams split, Hawkins sets record

Justin Hawkins led the Garrett Junior High boys track team to a hard fought 57-52 victory over Leo on their track Wednesday afternoon.

Hawkins broke a record some Garrett fans thought was unbreakable, but break it he did, running faster over the 100 meter hurdles than Jeff Stroman did back in 1968 with a time of 15.7 seconds.

Stroman perhaps the greatest track athlete in GHS history, won two consecutive high hurdle State Crowns in 1971 and 1972 and held the Junior High record for 31 years with a time of 15.8.

Congratulations Justin!

Hawkins also won the 100 dash and the high jump.

Tony Maurer was a double winner taking home blue ribbons in the shot put and the discus.

Trevor Moe won the pole vault and Jake Didion won the long jump.

Garrett's girls lost a heartbreaker losing to Leo by just two points, 49-51.

Kelly Surfus, Maggie McGrew, Theresa Esselburn and Teela Sullivan were individual winners for Garrett.

DeKalb

Garrett travels to DeKalb this afternoon for a 4:30 p.m. meet.

The Garrett boys are undefeated with a 4 and 0 record and the girls are 3 and 1.

Boys Summary

110 hurdles—Hawkins (G) 15.7, Kellenberger (L) 17.59, Knepper (G) 17.76.

400—Putt (L) 1:04.6, Gerig (L) 1:06, Claria (L) 1:06.87.

100—Hawkins (G) 13.1, Zehr (L) 13.2, Davis (G) 14.16.

200—Zehr (L) 26.3, Putt (L) 26.48, Fitch (G) 27.09.

1600—Stairs (L) 5:19.3, Novy (G) 5:43, Bennett (G) 5:52.4.

800—Stairs (L) 2:20.5, Moe (G) 2:34.29, Geritson (L) 2:37.92.

Shot put—Maurer (G) 35' 1 1/2", Penland (G) 31'10", Holbrook (G) 31'9 1/2".

Discus—Maurer (G) 103'6", Baughman (L) 101'1", Clark (L) 86'6".

High jump—Hawkins (G) 4'8", McNutt (G) 4'.

Long jump—Didion (G) 15'10", Zehr (L) 15'9 1/4", Martin (G) 14'2".

Pole vault—Moe (G) 9', Knepper (G) 7', Holbrook (G) 6'.

400 relay—Leo 52.25.

1600 relay—Leo 4:20.21.

Girls Summary

100 hurdles—Williams (L) 19.10, Blotkamp (G) 19.61, Minke (L) 19.62.

400—George (L) 1:13.6, Esselburn (G) 1:14.49, Cleveland (G) 1:16.52.

100—Woods (L) 14.89, Walker (G) 15.70, Blotkamp (G) 15.75.

200—Woods (L) 30.87, Blotkamp (G) 31.79, Brewer (G) 32.30.

1600—Richey (L) 6:20, Sullivan (G) 6:23, Koch (L) 6:31.79.

800—Ritchey (L) 2:52.03, Sullivan (G) 2:54.8, Koch (L) 2:58.7.

Shot put—Surfus (G) 27'10 1/2", McGrew (G) 26'11", Woods (L) 25'4".

Discus—McGrew (G) 83'1", Surfus (G) 74'7", Clark (L) 58'1".

High jump—Esselburn (G) 4'6", Slayback (L) 4'2", Nguyen (G) 4'2".

Long jump—Sullivan (G) 12'3", Cook (L) 11'5", Nguyen (G) 11'1 1/4".

400 relay—Leo 58.52.

1600 relay—Leo 4:57.56.

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she also had no recognition in her eyes. Dorothy had been there in the morning and I am sure she was heartsick with what she saw. We showed her her new duster and the cards that the kids had sent and they didn't faze her at all. So guess only time will tell if it is just the medication. Probably be a week or so before we will know which it might be.

When I talked to mom, she said that Pearl had had a small stroke a week or so before she died and that she could not swallow and that was what killed her in the end as she could get no nourishment into her body to keep her going. She also could not speak or respond during that time. Esther was moving her hands Ok except in a slow manner and could not hold her glass by herself. And she did have some tremors, which the nurse said usually is from the medication, Haldol. So I sent Maxine an e-mail telling her that her mom was not doing too well, but that it may just be the medication and we would keep her posted on how things are going. If it truly was a stroke, then she will not last until July when Maxine and Gerry Lee were planning to come. At least if she does not eat. She is so thin now, that Maxine will be shocked when she sees her I think.

Warren went for his hearing aid this afternoon after we got back and he thinks it will help him some. At least it made it easier to listen to his Cubs on the radio. Guess the test will be if he can hear in a group of people. I can't see much difference yet in our conversations. But should make some difference while in the car as his hearing aid is now on the side toward me, so if I talk, he may be able to hear better what I say.

Well, it was in the 60's today, but still very windy and so the air is quite cold. Tim was to have a track meet at Leo, but Warren didn't want to go out in this wind with it being so chilly. But we did have sunshine and the clouds are clearing away and they say we will have a good weekend with the temps rising up to the 70's and maybe even higher. That will be nice.

Subj: **Karen will not be coming!**
Date: 4/30/99 9:13:43 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: hoosierntt@ij.net (hoosierntt)
To: wfitch5413@aol.com (Warren Fitch)

Warren & Betty,

Teresa talked to Karen when they both were home from work. She did not say anymore about the reading of the will. Teresa thought she could state it better than I could so she returned her call. She wanted to know what plans had been made and where the service would be. It just happened I had an old telephone book from the Auburn area that gave the name of the funeral home.

Sharon and I are driving to St. Pete to catch our flight. We will fly to Indianapolis tomorrow and then drive to Auburn. I haven't talked to Dave Ober yet but hope he will pick us up at the airport and take us to Muncie. We may stay overnight there if they ask us to. Our flight will get in at 7:35 PM and till we get our luggage and drive to Auburn it may be late. I will let you know tomorrow after I talk to them. I don't think there is anything we could do Saturday night anyway.

We will go back on Wednesday at 6:50 AM but may stay at the airport so we won't have to drive in the early morning traffic. Sharon can go to work at noon. I guess that is all for now.

Maxine

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Thursday, April 29, 1999 .. (I will be writing for several days this time as this is now Wednesday, the 5th of May and since so much has happened, may not get it all on the right day.

On the 29th Warren went up to the home only to find that his mom was no better and they had not even gotten her out of bed. Actually they said she was worse and thought it was just a matter of time. In the evening Warren went to Katie's ball practice and I went with Amy to watch Jeremy at Blackhawk. It was a chilly night and the wind was quite strong and cold by the time the sun went down. I needed my head covered. Blackhawk played Fort Wayne Christian so a lot of FWC folks were there, but Jeremy didn't get to play at all. Blackhawk did win.

Then just before midnight we got a call from the home to say that Esther had passed away at 11:55 or thereabouts. They must have called us right away. We hardly slept anymore during the night. Warren might have gotten a little sleep, but I did not. Made out list of folks to call and things to be done. Also called Maxine to tell her even though it was night.

Friday, April 30, 1999 .. We sent up to Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo to make all the arrangements. They were very nice and really after giving them the information they did the whole thing and so we didn't have to do a lot except get her friends and relatives on the phone. Which we did as much as we could. Could not find everyone, but hope they will see it in the paper when it is published. Will be in the 2 Fort Wayne papers, the Garrett Clipper, and the Evening Star of Auburn.

Maxine will be coming in on Sunday morning to this area, but will fly to Indianapolis ~~with Shar~~on Satu~~r~~day ~~a~~nd stay with Dave and Sue Ober overnight. Then come on this way in the morning.

Saturday, May 1, 1999 .. The weather is to be beautiful all this weekend which is a real blessing fo~~r us. Relieves some pressur~~e. Since we didn't really have a lot which we had to do and since calling is not until tomorrow we went ahead and bowled as it was Position ro~~und and~~ the ~~last~~ ni~~ght of bow~~ling. We were in 2nd place and needed to beat Karen and Bob Harvey and crew to win 1st in the 2nd half and if we did that we would not ~~have to bowl them again for the~~ year's championship. So we did win, and won 3 losing just one game, but winning two and getting total pins. So next time we bowl ~~will be~~ just fo~~r fu~~n. I ~~was in~~ misery though, as my leg and hip hurt the whole time and I wondered if I could finish, but I did getting a 522 totoa with a couple good games. Just dropped the middle game. Warren had a 232 with a 555 series (or close to that). So that means we are champs. I had this awful feeling, that I am sure was wrong, that justice was done as we won and the Harveys lost. Terrible way to feel, but it did cross my mind, so may as well admit it. It was rather hard to bowl them and am glad we do not have to repeat it next time. They seem friendly enough, but the tension is there and very noticeable. Apparently they had not heard about Warren's mother, or at least did not say anything if they knew. I would be surprised if they didn't know though, since I am sure the rest of the Harvey boys knew it. Warren told Fred Lesser, but we didn't say anything to anyone else, except Roger and Nancy, of course.

We stopped at WalMart on the way home as I needed a slip. I had worked on my dress and had to shorten one and decide what I was going to wear. Thought about buying a new one, but had looked at them when we bought Warren some new dress slacks at Kohls, but they are all just baggy and saggy and so decided just to work on my own baggy and saggy dresses!! Anyway, I had no slip at all as I have not been wearing dresses very much because of my swollen ankles. But this weekend they are not swollen so much so will be OK in a dress.

On Thursday, I had worked on Warren's mother's dress. She had this nice blue one that she looked so pretty in and so the whole neckline was in rather bad shape so I fixed that and it should look pretty good. Took it up on Friday morning when we went to the funeral home. Also took her blue necklace.

Sunday, May 2, 1999 .. Didn't sleep much again as at 2 in the morning I was wide awake and thinking about the day ahead. I got up and made some jello and fruit for lunch and although I tried to sleep in the chair it did not work so it was going to be a long day. Maxine and Sharon came about 10:30 from Marion and we went through all the things that we had brought home from the nursing home and also what had been here since we sold the house. They decided what they wanted and what might fit into the van of Sue and Dave's. Dave was coming and since he is a pastor in Tennessee and was happy to do it, he will do the funeral for us and that is a relief as we had no one else who we knew that could do it anyway. So that was a blessing. Thank you, Lord! Had some sandwiches and jello for lunch before going to the funeral home. I had gone to Scotts in the morning for fresh cold meats and bread.

Calling was from 4 to 7 pm and that was enough. Both Maxine and I could hardly stay on our feet that long. I finally took off my shoes for the last 15 minutes or so as my feet hurt so badly. Had a nice group of folks come. We were not sure if there would be anyone much as she has outlived all her friends and most of her relatives. But had a nice group. Chuck and Mike Jacoby and the Carters came from Vineyard. Then on Monday, Tom and Jeff Beerbower came and that was nice of them. Didn't expect that at all. Edith and Marshall came from Union Chapel, and I think there would have been more of them coming, except that it was the same afternoon of Norm and Maxine's 50th wedding anniversary and most were involved in that. We had planned to go there too. There were several flower arrangements from various grandchildren, the Alter Star Church of which she ended up being a member, Eunice and even Tommi Cantu sent one. Cathy and Rick sent roses from Montana. (well, the roses were not from Montana) Mom and Lois came.

Monday, May 3, 1999 .. The weather is still holding out and just beautiful. Not too hot, but warm enough like in the upper 70's . Heard someone say it had been 81. Can't beat that. The funeral was at 1 pm and so we went to Auburn about 11:30 and so we could go with Maxine in her better car. At the funeral home about noon in case someone came early. Had a nice group for the funeral. Ronnie and Nancy Clark were there and they said that his sister, Pat, was not well at all. Now we need her address to get in touch with her. She apparently had a bad stroke and was serious. Eunice came today as she was unable to come yesterday. I suppose she drove as she was by herself. She had said when we were over there, that she drove around the area, but no longer in Fort Wayne or very far. She still seems to be in

pretty good health except for some problems with her toes think she had to have a couple of them removed. She said it makes walking hard but she seems to do OK.

So the funeral went well. Tim, Jared and Daniel, John and Jeremy, and Larry were the pall bearers. Thought Timothy might do it, but apparently he didn't want to, or they thought Larry should. Dave, Sue's Presbyterian pastor husband, had the service and did a really good job. He was very down to earth and since he knew Esther could use some of their experiences to add to the service. We took her quilt book for those to look at if they chose to and many did, especially yesterday. Anyway it was a good service and then he also had a very short one at the gravesite and then it was over.

We went to Auburn for a bite to eat and ended up at Richard's where the food is usually pretty good. Then we just came on home as everyone was too tired to come over to our house. They were going to do that, but decided that we would wait until tomorrow. Dave and Sue had decided to stay one more night since it is a 10 hour drive to get them back home and they had just made that so another night of sleep would be the best way to go. Ryan didn't care, as it got him out of school!

Tuesday, May 4, 1999 .. The day to go to the lawyer. Guess he will do most of the work unless Warren decides that he would like to make the fee instead of letting Dan Brinkerhoff do it. It may depend on the assessment of the farm and what it ends up being. If it is too high, then we would not be getting any cash and we do need some of that. The farm will be just for the kids and it won't be a money-making investment, but only for their future benefit, not ours. Well we will have to see. Warren had given up the idea of being the executor when he didn't want a problem with Elsie.

Then Maxine, Sharon, Sue, Dave and son Ryan came over to get the things we had laid out for them and got it all packed in the van OK. What they didn't want will now either go to the garage sale, or the clothes will go either to a nursing home or to the Rescue mission for their garage sale or for their use. Not sure which is the best. But there was ~~not a lot to be~~ dealt with as ~~we~~ had done most of it before when we sold the house. About noon they took off for their destinations, Maxine and Sharon to Indianapolis and Dave and Sue and Ryan back to Tennessee. They live between Knoxville and Chattanooga. They can see the Smokies from their kitchen window. I remember when we dreamed of living there. Guess we could have, but didn't make that move.

I finished sorting the boxes we had in the living room and have them ready either to give away or ~~sell~~, ~~wh~~atever. Can see my living room floor again. Warren went to Katie's game in the evening, but I was just too tired. Forgot that we also did go to her 7:10 game last night. They didn't look very good on Tuesday night and Warren said they looked even worse tonight. The big difference was that on Monday night the girls they played against were large and looked like a team, and Katie had no speed in comparison, as she is so little. But tonight guess the pitcher was no faster than Katie and so the girls did hit the ball, except their defense was so bad that they lost the game because of that. It was something like 14 to 10 they lost.

Warren, Maxine, + Elsie

We found this hidden behind the photos of the grandchildren...

It is from a photo taken on a "Brownie" camera and my guess is that Eunice Zehr did the tinting of it.

Embroidery done by Esther.

These all went to Maxine and family

The cottage embroidered by Esther

This picture always hung in the kitchen at the farm.

Sunlight photo

Esther's glassware

An old bowl

Esther Fitch
born April 28, 1900
died April 29, 1999

Funeral Flowers from
Cathy and Rick

April / May 1999

Flowers from Eunice

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THE LIFE AND CHRISTIAN HOPE,
OF

ESTHER DOLL FITCH

BORN: APRIL 28, 1900 - DIED: APRIL 29, 1999

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE — Rev. David E. Furlough

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE TO COMFORT

PRAYER OF PRAISE & AFFIRMATION

THE COMMITTAL

THE LORD'S PRAYER **(UNISON)** *see opposite page*

BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,

AND THE POWER,

AND THE GLORY,

FOREVER.

AMEN.

DEKALB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Auburn, Indiana
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

TYPE/PRINT IN PERMANENT BLACK INK

DECEDENT

1. DECEASED—NAME (First Middle Last): ESTHER K. FITCH
2. SEX: Female
3a. TIME OF DEATH: 11:55PM
3b. DATE OF DEATH (Month Day Yr): April 29, 1999
4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 306-05-2785
5a. AGE - Last Birthday (Years): 99
5b. UNDER 1 YEAR (Months Days):
5c. UNDER 1 DAY (Hours Minutes):
6. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo Day Yr): Apr 28, 1900
7. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country): SPENCERVILLE, IN
8a. WAS DECEDENT A U.S. VETERAN?: No
8b. YEAR LAST SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES: N/A
9a. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one. See instructions): HOSPITAL ☐ Inpatient ☐ ER/Outpatient ☐ DOA; OTHER ☒ Nursing Home ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Residence
9b. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number): BETZ NURSING HOME
9c. CITY TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH: AUBURN
9d. COUNTY OF DEATH: DEKALB
10. MARITAL STATUS (Specify): Widowed
11. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name): NONE
12a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired): HOMEMAKER
12b. KIND OF BUSINESS INDUSTRY: DOMESTIC
13a. RESIDENCE - STATE: IN
13b. COUNTY: DEKALB
13c. CITY TOWN OR LOCATION: AUBURN
13d. STREET AND NUMBER: 3009 CR 38 BETZ NURSING HOME
13e. ZIP CODE: 46706
13f. INSIDE CITY LIMITS: ☐ No ☒ Yes
13g. ON A FARM?: ☒ No ☐ Yes
14. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?: USA
15. WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN?: ☒ No ☐ Yes (If yes specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)
16. RACE - American Indian Black, White, etc. (Specify): WHITE
17. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed): Elementary/Secondary (0-12): 8; College (1-4 or 5+):

PARENTS

18. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last): JOHN R. DOLL
19. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname): VIENNA SHILLING

INFORMANT

20a. INFORMANT'S NAME (Type/Print): WARREN FITCH
20b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code): 14615 AUBURN ROAD, FORT WAYNE, IN 46845
20c. Relationship: Son

DISPOSITION

21a. METHOD OF DISPOSITION: ☐ Entombment ☒ Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ Removal from State ☐ Donation ☐ Other (Specify) _____
21b. DATE AND PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory or other place): May 3, 1999 CEDAR CREEK CHAPEL CEMETERY
21c. LOCATION - City or Town State: Garrett, IN
22a. EMBALMER'S NAME: ANDREW C. DAVID
22b. EMBALMER'S LICENSE NO.: FD29600002
23. WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER?: ☒ No ☐ Yes
24a. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR: Andrew C David
24b. LICENSE NUMBER (of Licensee): FD29600002
25. NAME ADDRESS AND LICENSE NUMBER OF FUNERAL HOME: FH83007152 FELLER FUNERAL HOME 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo, IN 46793

CAUSE OF DEATH

26. PART I — Enter the diseases injuries or complications that caused the death. Do not enter nonspecific terms such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line.

		Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death)	a. Congestive Heart Failure	
	DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF)	
Conditions if any which gave rise to the immediate cause stating the underlying cause last	b.	
	DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF)	
	c.	
	DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF)	
	d.	

PART II. Other significant conditions - Conditions contributing to death but not previously stated in Part I.

27. WAS DECEDENT PREGNANT OR 90 DAYS POSTPARTUM? (Yes or no): No
28a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Yes or no): No
28b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? (Yes or no): No

CERTIFIER

29a. CERTIFIER (Check only one):
☒ CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) as stated.
☐ HEALTH OFFICER On the basis of examination and/or investigation in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) as stated.
☐ CORONER On the basis of examination and/or investigation in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.

29b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER: Philip J Chase MD
29c. MEDICAL LICENSE NO: 0103432
29d. DATE SIGNED (Month Day Year): 4/30/99

HEALTH OFFICER

30. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED CAUSE OF DEATH (ITEM 26) (Type/Print): Philip J Chase, M.D. 1314 E. 7th St., Ste. 101, Auburn, IN 46706
31. HEALTH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE: Randall Gardner MD
32. DATE RECEIVED (Month Day Year): MAY 03 1999

33. MANNER OF DEATH: ☐ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Pending Investigation ☐ Could not be Determined
34a. DATE OF INJURY (Month Day Year):
34b. TIME OF INJURY:
34c. INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or no):
34d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED:
34e. PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify):
34f. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number City or Town State):
34g. DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year):
34h. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT? (Yes or no) If yes specify driver, passenger, pedestrian, etc.:

This is a true copy of the record on file with the DeKalb County Health Department,

Mark Schuler, MD

Local Health Officer

Services today for Esther K. Fitch, 99

Esther K. Fitch, 99, died Thursday at 11:55 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. David Furlough officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett.

Mrs. Fitch was born April 28, 1999 in Spencerville. Her parents were John R. and Vienna (Shilling) Doll. She and Otis Fitch were married Dec. 30, 1926, in Spencerville. He preceded her in death in 1976. Mrs. Fitch formerly lived in Garrett and was a member of the Altar Star United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Warren Fitch of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Maxine Ober of Temple Taris, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, one brother and one sister.

In memory

Esther Fitch

AUBURN — Esther Fitch, 99, died Thursday at 11:55 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett.

Mrs. Fitch was born April 28, 1900, in Spencerville to the late John R. and Vienna (Shilling) Doll.

She married Otis B. Fitch on Dec. 30, 1926, in Spencerville. He died in 1976.

Surviving her are one son, Warren of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Maxine Ober of Temple Terrace, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, one stepgranddaughter, 23 great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Elsie Jones in 1995, one brother, George Doll, and one sister, Josephine Clark.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Furlough officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Auburn

ESTHER K. FITCH, 99, died Tuesday at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. Born in Spencerville, she was a homemaker. Surviving are a son, Warren, of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Maxine Ober of Temple Terrace, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis, and a daughter. **Services at 1 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Calling from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.** Burial in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

In Appreciation . . .

On behalf of the family, we wish to express appreciation for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the service.

Feller Funeral Home

Ron and Karen Feller

Dave and Laurie Feller

#451

In Loving Memory Of

ESTHER K. FITCH

Date of Birth

April 28, 1900

Date of Death

April 29, 1999

Time & Place of Services

1:00PM

May 3, 1999

FELLER FUNERAL HOME

Officiating

REV. DAVID FURLOUGH

Interment

CEDAR CREEK CHAPEL CEMETERY

Garrett, Indiana

Arrangements Handled By

FELLER FUNERAL HOME

Waterloo, Indiana

God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest; God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best. He knew that you were suffering. He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Local Health Officer

Early May
1999

Maxine and Warren

Sue and Dave
and Ryan

No dandelions in Florida

To the family of Father Fitch

Hold fast to your memories,
to all of the cherished moments
of the past,
to the blessings and the laughter,
the joys and the celebrations,
the sorrow and the tears.
They all add up to a treasure
of fond yesterdays
that you shared and spent together,
and they keep the one you loved
close to you in spirit and thought.

The special moments
and memories in your life
will never change.
They will always be in your heart,
today and forevermore.

-Linda E. Knight

With deepest sympathy,

- Karen K. Fitch

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Tim - Track
1998-99

Wednesday, May 5, 1999 .. Went to town this morning. Wanted to get some plants and a few things. So I bought plants at "Daves" who used to be at Belmont. Is just a little earlier than usual, but the weather is nice and warm and the ground seems to be warmer than usual too. Suppose we might be sorry as we could still have some frost to deal with. Bought some tomato plants, some peppers, and mostly flowers to plant. Also went to Office Depot to get some copies of the picture of Warren, Maxine and Elsie in color that we found behind the grandchildren's pictures. They really turned out well. Hope to be able to mat and frame one for the wall. They did 11 x 17 and so have the whole photo in the same size as the original.

Then on to WalMart. Our clock quit the other day and so it was time to buy a new one. I keep looking at the blank wall to see what time it is. Found out that they are only selling battery clocks now and none were electric. So OK, that was what I finally ended up buying. Saw Jan at WalMart.

Tonight we went to a track meet at Garrett for Timothy. He ran in three races and they won the relay easily. One he came in fourth and the other he was second, I think. At this point, I am not sure. But he is running quite well. Did the last lag of the relay, or is that leg??? Wasn't a lap as he ran only a quarter of the way. Jake was the third runner.

Thursday, May 6, 1999 .. It was quite windy and with a little rain and clouds. Was some cooler. Today Jan and Phil came over and the result was that they, of course, said they were sorry for what happened. Apparently, they made it a stipulation, that we were to be notified, and Ron said he would do it. Well, he didn't. Said he tried but couldn't get us. False, as we have voice mail and he can always get us and he has been in "business" long enough not to be afraid of voice mail or answering machines!! Then when Phil pushed it a little afterward and found out that it had not been done, he got rather angry with Phil, so he dropped it. So I can come to only one conclusion, that he either wanted us hurt and gone, or he didn't care enough to make the effort. Either way, the result is that we understand that we are not important enough for him to out of his way to do the right thing. And Phil is not going to do anything about it as he believes he, Phil, is where God wants him to be, and he us under Ron's authority, and that is just the way Ron is, always has been, and without God's intervention, always will be. Guess we cannot accept that and will have to look elsewhere. They think we could come right back and no one would really know the difference, and they may be right, but we would know and if you can't trust the leadership, then that makes it a stumbling block to you. Oh well, more tears, but we must just go on.

Tonight Jeremy had a baseball game at Lakewood Park and they won and Jeremy got to play a little. He had quite a bit of action at third base, but not much of it went really well. Not that it was his fault, but just one of those things that happens and I guess we notice it much more when it is our grandson that is in that spot. It was quite cold out there and the wind was still very strong. I wasn't sure if it was going to get so cold tonight that it might frost, so went out and covered up my tomato plants and a couple of plants near the house. Had set out 2 big geraniums that I didn't want to lose.

Friday, May 7, 1999 .. Cloudy, breezy, but with some sun in the morning. I did my bookwork that I had not done the first of the month and got checks ready to mail. Then went to Scotts to get them mailed. Also bought a few groceries. And stopped at a garage sale. Not much out there today. There were several addition sales, but either too far away, or a couple are tomorrow. There were also a couple on the Hursh Road and then went to them too. Bought a couple little glass things. Just not much that I am interested in anymore I guess. Carol wants me to look for some silverware for her, but so far have not seen any at all. Sent in the property tax check and that was over $600 for this half and will be the same in the fall.

In the afternoon I planted most of my plants in the pots in back and in front. Still need a few more plants to complete what I want to do. Maybe a sack of top soil and some bags of mulch to make my beds look better. It didn't frost last night at all, and since it seemed warmer today than yesterday, didn't need to cover anything tonight.

No game of any sort tonight and that was good. First night we have been at home all week I think. Made some chili using a couple pounds of hamburger that I had in the freezer. Am slowly whittling away at the things that are in the freezers. I want to get all of it used up so I can start fresh. It is just too easy to buy new stuff at the store and leave the other in the freezer. I know I have several packages of chicken in the freezer downstairs. And some hot dogs and sausage.

About bedtime Steve and Judy stopped by on their way to Kendallville. They were here an hour or so. They still are having "kid" problems, but suppose they always will as Tim and Jessie both have a way of doing the wrong thing, and then having to pay the consequences of their actions and that usually involves mom and dad too. Guess Scott is no problem, except that he seems just to like it at home and not much interested in getting married or anything like that.

Was about 11 pm before I got to bed and asleep.

Saturday, May 8, 1999 .. Cloudy and cooler again this morning. No sun in sight. Warren even started a little fire in the furnace to take the chill off the house. Amy called to say that Jeremy had re-hurt his foot and won't be playing in the double-header they had for today. Then Mary called to say that Timothy is on crutches again with his foot and so he won't be able to compete in the track meet on Monday and maybe not on Wednesday either. So except for Katie they are out of commission for a while. Katie's practice is from 12 to 2 today.

Spent the rest of the day in just working on the computer, planting a few more of my flowers. The air was quite chilly again today and seemed to be from the East again making it a chillier day, but still it stayed warm at night and so did not need to cover anything for the night. I had stacks of paper work and photos to mount and things to take care of that I didn't get finished up yesterday. I found the LDS genealogy site on the Web and found that it had some interesting facts about the Ridenours, Munches, Brennemans that I wrote down. It could be that some of this may be just the right family and so will be able to trace back a few more generations. Lewis Ridenour was the right one and his father Adam. However it is just as some have sent it in and no proof as yet. Their information is listed as on certain files and I suppose you can get those files out and look the information up on the actual file to see just what it is, but I think a lot of it may be just as others have sent in the information, and that can be very faulty. The Fitch name seems very absent in the accounts, as I started with John Fitch and only a few are listed. Could not find the right Brown families either, or DeLong or Statler which I was most interested in at this time with the reunion coming up soon. Well enough about that. Looks like an interesting site and hope they continue it. I was on twice for about an hour each time.

Sunday, May 9, 1999 .. Mother's Day. No church this morning as I told Warren to just give me another week to get things caught up and then we will go where he wants to go. I have decided that then I want to go to First Assembly for the worship for the next week. Will no doubt be trying out places for quite some time. That will be nerve wracking for me as I do not like to have to be on display every week and that is more or less what happens when you go to a new place. Oh well, what else can we do?

So I worked in the flower beds and pulled weeds and finished planting the plants that I bought using what was left in the mound garden. A lot of cleomies (or whatever) and the deer do not like them so that should help keep them away from that garden and the roses I hope. Called mom and told her that we would get some plants on Monday or Tuesday so she can have some. Suppose I should just go get her and then she can look them over herself. She will not be satisfied with any that I bring on my own. It is jut always that way. So to protect myself should take her along. Then at least she can blame herself if she doesn't like what she bought or there is something wrong with it. And there always is!!

Went to the cemetery to make sure everything was OK and the flowers that they left on the grave were wilted quite badly so took them off. They looked pretty bad. I didn't realize that they would leave them on top of the grave. Should have gone to water them during the week, but did not so just took them off. Will dry a few of the ones I guess and save them. Then over to Larry and Mary's. Kelly was there with her new boyfriend and so met him for the first time. He seemed nice enough if I didn't know all the problems that are in that relationship. Like he is a member of the Klu Klux Klan, 40 years old, and married 3 times before. She is asking for all sorts of trouble, but worst of all wants Larry to give her away in the marriage ceremony. He is balking at that. How can he give her to someone that he knows will cause her misery?? Mary had a nice plant for me, New Guinnie impatians. Spelled wrong, of course. They are salmon and just about ready to burst into bloom. Then we stopped at Amy's for some ice cream and and stayed until dark almost, and she had a pink crysthanimum (another mis-spelling) for me for Mother's Day. Will get it into the ground tomorrow. The impatian can just stay in the pot I think as it does will in pots.

Monday, May 10, 1999 .. Mom fell and broke her arm today. It is her wrist and broken in two places. It ended up that Maxine and Al took her to the hospital. I knew I couldn't get there in less than an hour probably and she apparently didn't want to wait that long. I know that probably I could have gotten there sooner, but was so dirty and needed to clean up just a little and unpack the car. But she laughed and said that she was not in pain unless she pushed on it, so didn't think there was that much of a hurry. Had no way of knowing that it was broken. In fact since she wasn't in much pain, I thought it would not be broken, but it was. Anyway she got there and then Lois went up after she got home on the bus and they did not need to do surgery so she just went on home. It was nearly dark by that time and Judy had come over and helped her to get a bite to eat and so she said that I didn't need to come until morning. So that was that.

I had gone to Dave's plants in the morning to get a few more things and his supply was not very good. I was going to get some for mom too, but she wanted early tomatoes and they hardly had any veggie plants at all. So I bought flowers, mulch, top soil and peat and that was what I had in my car. I did get some of them planted before mom called and that was the reason I was so dirty. So I felt bad about it, but Aunt Maxine said that it was not my fault and they happened to be close by and were glad to take her. Oh well, guilt, guilt, guilt. Thank you, Lord, for forgiveness.

Tuesday, May 11, 1999 .. Went in to town about 9 am and helped to do some of the small things that mom could not do. She is in more pain today and am sure she will not feel good for quite some time, but should gradually get better. I brought things up from the basement for her to eat and opened some peaches (she can't use a can opener), spread peanut butter on some crackers, and refixed her ice bags that she is to use on her arm. Went to the bank and took her checks and things she wanted in her safety deposit box. And to Scotts for more eggs and some bananas for her. She had soup fixed and some noodles and meat all frozen, so brought them up so they can thaw out. She said she was not having any trouble getting her eye drops in her eyes and so that was good. She will have a hard time leaving her gardening alone, but she will have to. I will buy a few tomatoes for her and plant them as she hasn't gotten the plants in the ground as yet. I thought she had them all out and in the ground, but they are still in pots. From the looks of things, I wonder if she might be slipping because I saw a lot of things that were not done that she would usually keep in good order.

I went to WalMart on the way home for medications and got home about 1 pm. Warren had just gotten his dinner fixed. I needed to go to Fort Wayne to pick up the boys as Amy had to take John to the airport and both boys had sports events. David had soccer, and Jeremy had a baseball game. Turned out that the baseball game was canceled and that made the evening go quicker. David lost the soccer match to Canterbury, and then I let them get something to eat at Arby's and got them home about 6:30. I could have gone on up to Garrett and thought about it, but was hungry and wasn't really sure when the game was to start, so I just stayed home and watched "Jag". Warren went to Garrett to help the girls with their game. They got beaten badly again. He said they were coming back, but the ball game was about over by that time.

Wednesday, May 12, 1999 .. The last few days have been very warm and each day hit about 80 I think until today, and it was a little cooler. Just because the wind was blowing quite a

bit. Finished getting things in the garden today. I had stopped at Frank's last night before I went to the ball games and bought some plants, and some seeds that I needed. So today Warren rototilled my garden again in the corner that was left to plant in, and got it all in before dark. It looked like rain, but ended up not raining at least by this time, 8:15 pm. Put in some red beets, some different squashes, some honeydew melons, some pumpkins, and some gourds, plus 8 more tomatoes and 6 more peppers. The only thing I did not have any space for was green beans. There is still a little room out in the melon garden, but think the rabbits would eat them all if I put them out there. The fence might help keep out the deer, but not the rabbits and raccoons.

Mom was a little worried about her arm this morning, but she called the doctor and the nurse said that it was normal to swell and as long as her fingers didn't get cold, not to worry. Guess that shows the lack of circulation of the blood if they get cold. Said it would gradually get better. So that calmed her down some. I think the pain was getting to her, but she doesn't want to take anything but the Ascriptin as everything else is hard on her stomach.

Judy had looked in on her several times. I may take the tomatoes in and plant them tomorrow if it doesn't rain all that much. Otherwise I would wait until Friday, but should run in just to check and make sure she has what she needs. I am sure Judy and Ginny are doing things for her though.

No ball games tonight and that is great. Actually there was a track meet but Tim was not going to be able to run. They didn't know who they could get to run in his place though. John was to come home tonight from Chicago.

This is Friday, May 21, 1999, and I have missed so many days of writing this that it will be hard to catch up so will try to do it in a lump instead of every day as I usually try to do.

Not sure where I left off but think it was about the 12th. Mom's broken wrist began to get some better and she learned to adjust to it after a few days of being sort of helpless. I planted her tomatoes on two different days and put in what flowers that she had left to be planted. Also brought a few home so that I could plant them here. All the rest she is giving to her neighbors.

Today Maxine and Al went to help her out some and usually Judy is over there every day to help her with her food if she needs it. We have tried to keep food available, but she keeps going to the basement anyway for one thing or another, so guess we can't keep her from doing that. The one thing she can't do is open cans of food, so someone is usually close by to do that and she keeps her plants watered. We have needed that as we are quite dry and need rain badly. During this time we had just a few light showers. Today, it was 82 degrees outside and sunny, with possible showers later on tonight.

On Sunday we tried the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church at Garrett and it was very exhausting. Or it must have been, because I slept for 2 ½ hours in the afternoon. It was a long service. Started at 10:30 and was not over until 1:15. The music was very good, but it was a pretty intense time with the sermon and all. It was on church discipline and how we must follow what the leaders tell us. Well, I think it was a sermon that we really didn't need right at this time. I don't think that is for us at this time. The church is so small, with about 50 adults there and that included the teenagers. Next Sunday we probably will try First Assembly in Fort Wayne.

My birthday came in here somewhere on the 18th. In the evening we went to Garrett to watch Katie play ball and it was quite chilly that night. The wind was strong and it was cold. I had on a down-filled jacket over my sweat shirt and even a blanket for my legs and needed something on my head. The girls did win the game by quite a few runs. For my birthday Warren was going to fix my printer. Have been without it for quite a few days and it seems quite a loss. We had to order some little rollers for it and they came in yesterday and hopefully it will work again when Warren gets them in.

I have spent a lot of time on the LDS web site and am finding a lot of facts about a lot of the names that we are researching. Can not be sure that it is all correct of course and many of the names have a variety of dates so it gives only a general idea of some of the things. But there are several genealogies that go back quite a ways and will be worth looking into with other proofs.

Have found DeLong things, and several Hollopeter ones and today found the Birely genealogy and Bundi too.

We had our last night of bowling the 15th and had a 9-pin tap tourney. Warren got just a little from it and the rest of us got nothing. The best I could do was to get one of the dollars that we passed around for fun. For the last three strikes in a row. We had a lot of fun. Bowled with Carol and Tim and Don and Michelle. Then on Monday night we had our bowling banquet at Old Country Buffet at Coldwater Crossing. Very good and we had another really good time and Howie was even in a really good mood. Came away with $20 which was less than I usually get, but more than I expected this year. Warren had $26 I think. Mary and Larry did quite well. What brought mine up was not the individual scores, but the fact that we won both the first and second halves of the season. Well, it is done for this year, except that they gave us tickets that we can use each month for the summer. Good deal, but I am not sure I will be able to do it as my legs are giving out on me and this time it is taking me more than a week to recover and they still feel bad, but I could hardly walk the first few days. My hip is worse than my knees. I will see the doctor on Monday and will ask her about it. Maybe it is OK to continue on even if there is pain. She can probably tell me that. Just have to decide if it is worth the misery I have for several days afterward. Enough about that. We had plenty of good food and fellowship. Even got a certificate for the highest average which was a whopping 158. I felt like crawling under the table. That wouldn't even get me into the classic leagues!! This old gray mare.....

The same day we bowled our last games Jeremy had a baseball game and he had a ball come with a bad hop at third base and it hit him and broke his nose. They had to do some stitching, but could do nothing about the bones until the first of the week. Then he had an appointment and they decided to do some surgery on Thursday of this last week. I have not seen him since that, but it really didn't look too bad before, but the doctor said the bones were not in the right place inside so it didn't take long. They knocked him out and did it in about 10 minutes but it took him a while to come out of it. He is not to play ball for a few days. I would think twice before trying third base again!! However, that is the position he has been in for most of his baseball like, except when he did some pitching.

I am finishing this up on the 22nd of May which is Saturday. Yesterday was quite warm, 82 I think I mentioned, and then it clouded up and started to rain lightly about 10 pm when we were coming home from Katie's ball game. They played the third game and it didn't get started until after 9:30. Guess it was nearly 10:30 before it was over with and we came on home. They won in a hard fought game. They had been so far behind but caught up. Katie pitched 2 innings and did pretty well after she got started. Hit the ball and

got on base a couple of times but was usually out going to second on the next girl's try. Guess she was on third a time or two also but did not get to make a run.

Timothy had also played at 5:30 and he pitched before we got there and when they put him in for the next inning after we got there, he hit a couple of boys and so they took him out at that point, but he went to play shortstop then. He also got two really good hits which nearly went over the fence. One was caught in a fantastic catch and the other ended up in being called out when he had gone on to the next base (when the fellow following him hit a high ball) and the ball was caught. Warren said it was a hit and run play and Timothy had to run regardless, so he got out. Otherwise he would have scored on the next play probably. Oh well, he did hit the ball really well and really hard.

We had light rain overnight and then this morning it rained harder and quite steady for a while. To continue on today and so we may get what rain we need. It has been quite dry and we needed a good soaking rain. My squash and pumpkins are almost all coming through. Also the morning glories are all through. Warren put up the old "drag" that we got from the Vandolah place for them to climb on. They should be pretty when they vine all over it. Everything else looks pretty good. Tomatoes are beginning to grow. Warren's melons are slow coming through, but they usually come slower than the squash do. He may also plant them a little too deep and that takes longer for them to come though too. Surely hope we have melons this summer as last summer was a washout for melons!

I am sure I have missed some things that have happened in this time when the printer was not working. We finally got an employee at Duffies to order the little rollers that were needed. Most everyone said they couldn't do it or wouldn't do it, but after talking to him, he said he would order them for us and they came in very quickly. I think they just frown upon letting anyone do repair for themselves as they can make pretty good profit doing it. But I told him that the printer was already apart and that Warren had put them in before and it worked so he finally said he would do it for us and only charged $10 for the parts. Of course, they were very tiny, but it was worth that to us. So far seems to be working better than it was before. At least I have not seen any the the streaks that it had. This time he changed all three rollers, not just one.

especially about your family reunion
Growing up. & that the title of
Brown family - Reminds me of a
down near theater, who entertained all
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Sue enclosing the notices. If you are
interested O.K. with me. I have related
from there a couple of times, but each
year, they have a new scheme, but I'm
not going to order this year.

Hope you had a swell time at Mrs
birthday.

Just talked to Pat Cahill, and she said
that Chalmers had a heart attack this
was thought it might be pneumonia, and
the Hands have tried to call and couldn't
get. He's at home & think that they
will try calling the hospital. Heard in an
H.F. prayer - Harold had a "to" birthday Saturday party Sat.

Dear Betty:

Since God blesses
those who bless others,
your day will hold more blessings
than you can count.

Good Aunt Helen

Thanks for sending the negatives back,
but at this busy moment, I can't
figure them out.

Nice letter, and interesting too.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee."
NUMBERS 6:24

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Are we going to walk to play golf in July? If we do I will need a pull cart. I will start to work up to it by walking here every morning or evening. I guess that is all for now. Hope both of you have been able to relax after having a big responsibility.

Maxine

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1	17	15	15125	715	2072
8	15	17	13806	711	2056
5	15	17	13688	717	2067
7	14	18	13675	672	1940
4	12	20	13656	735	2156
2	12	20	11445	758	2090

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Last Week's Top Scores

Handicap Game	778	Team 6	758	Team 2	735	Team 4	
Handicap Series	2158	Team 1	2156	Team 4	2090	Team 2	
	Scratch Game	232	Warren Fitch	205	Fred Lesser	203	Roger Hoot
	Scratch Series	554	Warren Fitch	534	Tim England	530	Fred Lesser
Women	Scratch Game	197	Betty Fitch	174	Carol Lockwood	172	Geri Cook
	Scratch Series	522	Betty Fitch	489	Nancy Lesser	457	Geri Cook

1 - Team 1 Lane 7 HDCP=52

ID #	Name	Ave	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers
1	JOAN LININGER	147	7091	48	187	502
2	GERI COOK	152	7301	48	205	556
3	DAVE COOK	178	8018	45	230	585
4	HOWIE LININGER	157	7559	48	191	524

2 - Team 2 Lane 5 HDCP=189

ID #	Name	Ave	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers
5	ISAAC HOOT	119	5740	48	185	420
6	JANET MILLER	95	4243	48	143	354
7	TIM HARVEY	135	6481	48	201	563
8	CINDY MILLER	114	5517	48	144	355

3 - Team 3 Lane 8 HDCP=194

ID #	Name	Ave	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers
9	CHRIS HARVEY	110	5301	48	139	374
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11	KAREN HARVEY	114	5509	48	184	445
12	BOB HARVEY	139	6692	48	204	509

4 - Team 4 Lane 6 HDCP=104

ID #	Name	Ave	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers
13	NANCY LESSER	127	6100	48	171	489
14	FRED LESSER	155	7464	48	205	530
15	JENNIFER SHARP	124	5988	48	185	415
16	BRUCE SHARP	164	6426	39	208	577

5 - Team 5 Lane 3 HDCP 96

ID #	Name	Ave	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers
17	CAROL LOCKWOOD	156	7521	48	184	516
18	MICHELLE HARVEY	119	5748	48	162	408
19	DON HARVEY	155	7465	48	208	553
20	TIM LOCKWOOD	149	6280	42	190	467

6 - Team 6 Lane 1 HDCP=60

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21	BETTY FITCH	158	7618	48	212	523
22	NANCY HOOT	138	6657	48	174	463
23	ROGER HOOT	160	7713	48	209	539
24	WARREN FITCH	169	8155	48	232	554

7 - Team 7 Lane 4 HDCP=96

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25	KARI HARVEY	97	4390	45	126	292
26	MARY FITCH	149	4925	33	224	533
27	JON HARVEY	143	6877	48	179	457
28	LARRY FITCH	191	8051	42	256	718

8 - Team 8 Lane 2 HDCP=102

ID #	Name	Ave	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers
29	VICKI HERNDON	118	5666	48	178	422
30	CORINNA ENGLAND	157	7570	48	211*	521
31	DALE HERNDON	132	4771	36	170	434
32	TIM ENGLAND	165	7960	48	212	557
33	AARON HERNDON	99	896	9	137	331

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192	188	160	220
390	352	361	420
166	~~270~~	~~310~~	176
556	562	~~571~~	596
		~~201~~	

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	6	19	9	13084	703	2014
	1	14	14	13202	702	2005*
	5	14	14	11909	684*	1951*
	7	13	15	12023	758	2032
	8	12	16	12059	760	2149
	2	11	17	9928	670	1915
	4	9	19	11818	678	1991

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13	NANCY LESSER	124	5611	45	182	467
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5 - Team 5 Lane 3 HDCP 96						
17	CAROL LOCKWOOD	157	7071	45	184	516
18	MICHELLE HARVEY	118	5340	45	162	404
19	DON HARVEY	155	7011	45	208	553
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6 - Team 6 Lane 1 HDCP=64						
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Guess when I had written before I had not told about the Bible Study (The one that is frowned on so by the church leadership). Well it was at Don and Michelle's house in Imperial Park, not far from Georgetown. We had Sharon Stalcup and her husband, Penny Atkinson, Chris Ginter, Larry, and us and of course the leaders, Carol, Eric, Don, and John Harvey. And forgot, that Jared was there too and Daniel is supposed to come also when he can. It was good, but think the weeks coming up will be better.

On Monday, the 24th of May, I had a doctor's appointment and my blood pressure was up just a little (as it usually is when I go to the doctor), or else it is up in the morning, I am not sure which. She didn't seem to think my leg problem was all that bad, but if it doesn't get some better, she could take an x-ray to see what is going on. Wants me to get the nose spray for bones, and said I could use the Glucosimine or whatever that stuff is to help rebuild the joints. She says some have said they have really good results with it, so I will give it a try and then next year they will do another bone scan. Also that the new oleo Benecol is worth trying to lower our cholesterol level. They say it will lower it 14 % which is quite a bit for 3 pats of butter each day!! It is more expensive. I priced it at Kroger and found they wanted $4.99 for it but Scotts didn't have it on the shelf so far. Or I didn't find it.

Katie was to have a ball game Monday night, but it was so cold that they canceled it. However, Timothy still played his game at Garrett and we froze trying to watch. Warren couldn't stick it out for the whole game. But Timothy pitched several innings and they won their game. We had coats, blankets, hats and gloves, but the wind was just too strong and so finally had to finish up watching the rest of the game in the car.

But even though it was cold, it was because of the wind and since we had clouds and drizzle part of the time, the nights did not get cold enough that we had to do anything about covering plants or anything.

Tuesday, David had a game and it had warmed up quite a bit. And was not quite so windy. It still got chilly and we had coats, but it was more bearable. David did the pitching and they won their game also. David has really gotten to be a better pitcher. He has improved quite a lot over last year. He

was much better than the other pitchers we saw tonight. Suppose there are others that are just as good. Time will tell.

Wednesday, May 26, 1999, mom had an appointment with the bone doctor to have her cast and arm looked at. That was at 3 pm in the afternoon. I left about 1 pm as I had other things to do in town. Went to WalMart. Bought a new purple chair to carry to the ball games. It was a cheap one, so only got one this time. Warren can try it and see if it is big enough for him. If not we will have to get him a larger one. At Katie's games, though, he is usually in the dugout. The doctor said her arm was doing fine except that it was still a little too swollen. She was supposed to hold it up and keep it elevated which she has not done much of. And they split the cast some so it would release some of the pressure on it. Another 3 weeks and it is to come off. The bone is mending well they said.

Timothy had another game tonight. I went to watch it and they won. Josh did the pitching tonight. Tim hit another really good one. In fact, he hit two good ones on Monday night. He walked and popped up too, but got on base anyway. Warren didn't get to watch it, as Mary's car had conked out on the way home from work. After checking it they found that it is done for. It has a cracked block. Nothing they could do. Now they must find another car as she needs one badly to do all the running as well as going to work.

Thursday, May 27, 1999 .. Today Warren went to help mom with a few of her "things" that she needed done. Like putting new lifter ropes in her bedroom window. It is an old-fashioned one and the ropes had broken. Also her kitchen window needed some attention. I just stayed home and tried to catch up on things that either needed to be done around here and also went to the grocery store as I had not been there for nearly a week. Did some laundry and was on the computer some. The LDS has been almost untouchable since they had the article about it in the paper on Sunday. Finally they are now limiting time to different regions. Seems we can get on at the top of the hour, but about half past they shut us off and give someone else a chance! As soon as they did that, I had good luck for that first half hour on each hour. They never expected such a response. I would guess they will decide to charge for their website eventually although their reason for doing all this is to get more names of dead folks to baptize!! I think they probably get "credit" for that.

I have worked in the mornings in the garden and have most of the weeds out that have been growing around the edges. They didn't get pulled last year and the roots are very bad. So suppose I will have to keep right after them to get them out. Things are growing well at this time. The rain we had was nice but will need more in a few days to keep things going or growing. Put

up my "deer" fence. That is aluminum pie pans on a string to rattle and wave in the wind.

On Friday evening we made a trip to Builder's Square for some red paving steps to put in our walkway up to the porch. Also bought 3 bags of red stones to add to the ones we already have. I think a mixture will look nice there. I don't want all red. It was Warren's idea to do it. Our old paving stones were crumbling pretty badly, especially in the lower squares.

Also tonight the wood that Warren had stacked out in front started selling. Our neighbor, the Spurrs, came over and bought one load and then two other ladies came for the same wood. So not sure how Warren worked it all out, but by dark they had gotten another load for the Spurrs, and Timothy is well on his way to his new bike. That is what they were selling it for.

We had also been taking Mary to work the last two mornings. Warren took her on Thursday, and I took her on Friday. One of her co-workers has been bringing her home. They have a car they are looking at, but not sure if it what they want or not.

Guess that is about it for this week so far. Last weekend I got e-mails from Karen and Cookie but nothing in the middle of the week. Then got one this weekend from Bill about the Reunion, and heard from Steve and another good address from Howie. So far the ones he has given me are really good. I must e-mail him and say "thanks". I sent Bill a list of the folks who have contacted me and/or have sent me checks. Seems a small response so far unless most of the folks that are coming are going to be local. Or perhaps they have just thought they had plenty of time to respond. And guess they do have another month or so to do so.

By yesterday the weather had warmed up to 84 degrees. It is really nice. We thought we would have a lot of mosquitoes at first, but now there doesn't seem to be any. They were really bad for a couple of ball games at Garrett. Perhaps because it has dried out so much. But the flies are quite bad and that seems unusual for this time of year. They may be some different kind of flies as they buzz right around your head and in the fall the flies do not do that. Could be they are from some kind of animal and that they were not killed in the winter as it was pretty mild.

The irises are beautiful this spring. The white ones are not even falling over as they usually do. Not sure if they are not quite as big or if we just have not had a big rain, but they are standing straight and tall for the most part and there are a lot of them out there.

Saturday, May 29, 1999 .. This was the day of Marge and Joe Holloway's 50th wedding anniversary, but we decided not to go. No ball games, or practices. Warren and Timothy brought over some more wood since what was here sold so well. Then we didn't have any business. I spent quite a lot of time on the computer with the DeLong and Statler family. I want to get as much of it done as I can before the reunion. Then I can go on to other families. The LDS site was very busy today, so didn't get much good out of that, but used one of the ones that Howie directed me to and it was pretty good. They were still letting us on only at the top half of the hour for LDS.

Sunday, May 30, 1999 .. Quite warm again, in the upper 80s. By late afternoon we had some clouds and some rain showers. We did not get a lot here but some places they did. I was not feeling well this morning and so we did not go to church. The place Warren had chosen was at Leo and he had failed to get the time or where it was at. Guess he can do that this week, by calling Tom Wulpi as they go there. So I dialed up the LDS site and it was working pretty well today. They didn't cut me off at all and I was on about an hour and a half at one time. Finally I had so many facts to go over that I got off that and fixed pork and beans and cornbread for dinner and then just did paper work after that. By the time the rain came, I just shut it down in case of bad storms.

It rained off and on all night. I think our gardens got plenty and Mary said they had a big lake out in the field, so they must have gotten more rain than we did. This is Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 1999. So far I have done some laundry and ran the sweeper. It is very humid. It was still raining when I got up and for about 2 hours afterward. Just small showers, but they kept on coming. Mom called and said that she had been up since 1 am watching her drain!! What a deal! She is consumed by fear that it will back up or the electricity will go off and she won't have the sump pump to rely on. Neither Lois or I gave her much sympathy. I told her just to forget it and go take a nap. Sometimes I think she should be in an apartment where she does not have anything to do outside, but I know if that were the case, she would just find something else to worry about, and she really doesn't like to do crafty things or sew so what on earth would she do?? She probably would just be on the phone all the time. Her outside work is all she likes to do. So guess Warren is right, that if we took that away, she would really be miserable. Warren's mom always had places to go and quilts to make, etc., and so she never minded if she didn't have much of a garden, but she did have some of that too. She just kept herself occupied with stuff that mom is not interested in. Don't really know what the answer is. Hope the city gets that drain problem fixed pronto, but if it is, no doubt she will find something else to worry about.

Here it is, Monday again and the 7th of June. Seems I can't keep up with this diary anymore. May have to work backwards to cover all the days. The last few days have been quite hot. Sunday, the 6th was in the 90s and it was the day of Jennifer's graduation. It was held at the Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Guess they had more than 300 graduates and with all their families and friends it takes a bigger place than a school gym. Anyway it was so large that we never even saw John and Amy at all and Jenn did not even know we were there until I called later. We had not made any arrangements to meet anywhere as Amy had such a bad week that I didn't want to bother her any more, so we just went. We did run into Moe and Mike, and also Phyllis Fitch as Larry and Karen had Nathan who was also graduating. It was nice, but large!! We hadn't gone to church in the morning. Still planning to go to Leo, but Warren found out where it was, but failed to ask about the time so when he was not up until 9 am, it was entirely too late to make plans to go by then.

On Saturday, which was another very hot day, we went to the chicken barbeque at Garrett that the baseball boys hold to raise funds. It was very good and then Tim's team played a game in the boiling sun. I had a straw hat, but really need an umbrella. I keep forgetting to look for one when I go to town. They lost the game. It was against Hamilton, who is their "old enemy"!! We came home worn out just from watching and then had the Bible study in the evening. This week was on the secure and insecure in how we relate to God. Very good.

Other things that were done during the week were things like my going and getting mom some groceries. She did not feel that she could get out and go with me so just gave me her list over the phone and I went and got some money from the bank and did the shopping myself and took them to her. Also changed the bandage on her back. It doesn't look very good, but seems to be draining some. I told her she should probably get an appointment with her doctor and let him have a look at it. Just to make sure there is nothing more wrong.

Katie had two games this week and Tim had two including the one on Saturday. There was to be another, but the first of the week we had a really good rain. It was just what we needed for the grass and gardens. Means we didn't have to water for a while anyway. The first of the week it was wet and cold and then by Saturday, it was hot!!! David also had a game this week that we went to and his team lost big time. Win some and lose some I guess. Jeremy hasn't started to play yet as the high school still was having games and he can't play in a summer league as long as the schools are still playing.

I managed to get all my garden hoed except for the lower one in the back yard as it was still too wet by the end of the week. The rest look pretty good and will stay that way for a week or so before I will have to do it again. The plants look really good now with the rain and all. I didn't get any beans in though. Guess that is OK as I usually am busy when it is time to pick and freeze the beans, but that was usually during Daily Vacation Bible School week and this year I won't be doing that. But I didn't plant so won't have any harvest to deal with.

I managed to get to one morning of garage sales on Friday. Didn't find much out there but got a few things. Went to Pine Valley and Windward (Wind something,

anyway). Seems others had been there much before me. I was home by 11 am. That same day Warren went to Rome City to play golf by himself. I think he just likes to get away and be by himself just as I like to go garage saling by myself and don't really need the company of anyone else.

Mary had a birthday on Tuesday. Momday was Memorial Day and we didn't do much of anything, but Warren did some mowing. May not have written, but Mary's car went Kaput last week, and so they had to do some looking. I took Mary to work on Tuesday and then by evening they had decided on the vehicle they wanted. So I didn't have to take her anymore and she was able to get the kids to their games, etc.

Amy has had a bad week. Whether she had a touch of the flu or it is her Khrons acting up, I am not sure, but she was miserable all week and John was gone most of the week. Came home on Friday. He had to drive this time, because of the storms that they were having on the evening they were to leave. Actually it was "they" as John, Ron and Curt were all to go out on the same plane to Chicago. They were going other places, but were taking the same plane to Chicago where John was going to stay. So guess the other two got other flights out, but John had to drive so rented a car to do it.

Worked some on genealogy on the computer. The LDS site was coming in much better this week and seemed pretty much back to normal. Heard from Karen Fitch, a couple of Fitches that will be attending the reunion and found the Web site of Marge Gray and sent her another e-mail. She answered right back, but said she would get on "it" later on and get back to me. Said she was always interested in hearing about other of the "Nathaniel Fitch" family. So she must go back to the PA Nathaniel like Warren does. She was the one who had listed the Hanford connection and so I wanted to know where she got her information about that and the Lockwood marriage of John and Elizabeth. I briefly mentioned the "Beers" connection to see if she was aware of it at all. She had been the one who had written to Ann Hassold a few years ago and knew very little at that time. I want to be careful not to give her information that Ann has worked so hard for and spent time and money on. I am not sure just how she would feel about that. So may have to contact Ann to ask what I should do about that. Ann should be leaving for PA and her trip to the Wilkesbarre area soon. I hope she finds out what she is looking for, but think there is not much there left untapped! Would like to be there with her to see just how she goes about this. Guess that is enough for this past week. The new week is starting. And it looks as busy as the last ones have been.

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Date: 6/5/99 9:35:38 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: hoosierntt@ij.net (hoosierntt)
To: wfitch5413@aol.com (Warren Fiitch)

Hi Warren & Betty,

Haven't heard from you for a while. Just checking to see if your okay.

Dave Sue and Ryan were here last week for Memorial Day. Dave checked on the Internet about buying a car for me. Anyway I have a Toyota Camry and I really like it. I took my Nissan down to the credit union and was given an offer that same day. The first offer was for $1500 and the next one was for $2400. That is pretty good for driving it for 11 years. It was originally a lease car and had about 20,000 miles and now has 70,500. I don't drive that much . I paid $8500 for it in 1988. That was after my Buick was stolen when I was working at the Mall.

We are making plans for the reunions. I think Rachel and I will fly to Atlanta and Dave and Sue will pick us up there. We will come to Auburn the Thursday before the reunion so I can play golf on that Friday. They will take us to Indianapolis on Sunday or Monday and Ryan will go back with us and stay for several days. I will have to get with you about the food for the picnic on Saturday. I may get some KFC or a ham since I won't be able to cook.

Dave and Sue did not have room for the sewing box so will have to get that later. I guess they will have to store it for a while. I guess that is all for now.

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Hero pulls boy fr

Camper answers mother's screams

By Mark Harper
The Journal Gazette

HUNTERTOWN – A mother screamed, and Scott Robinson reacted.

As a result, Robinson, a 30-year-old supervisor for Leeper's Lawn Service, saved Kyle Hensley's life Monday morning.

Robinson raced to the pond where Jessica Hensley's 2½-year-old son was trapped in a sinking car. He opened the door and pulled the boy to safety.

One of his rewards: a free pass for a weekend at Ponytown USA,

Robinson

331 W. Gump Road, in northern Allen County.

Just five hours before the accident, Robinson, of Fort Wayne, and his friends were warned to keep down the noise at Ponytown or they would be ejected from the private campground. So they settled down.

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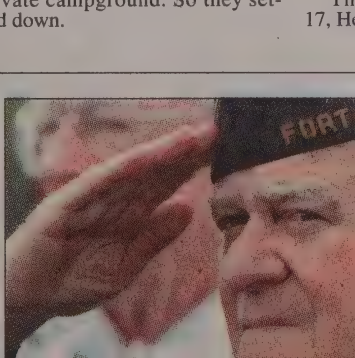

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at awoke Natasha Stanton,
ensley's friend.

Jessica Hensley turned around and saw the car slowly rolling toward the pond. She grabbed the open trunk, but couldn't stop the car from rolling toward the pond.

Robinson heard the screaming, looked over and saw Jessica Hensley sliding with her car.

''I thought, 'Lady, there's no way you're stopping that car,' '' Robinson said. ''And then she started yelling, 'My baby! My baby's in the car!' ''

That's when Robinson took off. Natasha Stanton almost immedi-

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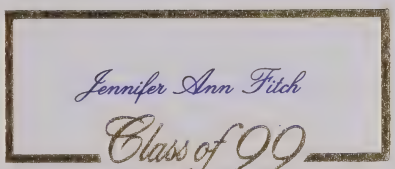
Honoring the sacrifice

Pondo Vlasheff of American Legion Post 82 salutes the flag Monday as it passes during the annual Allen County Council of Veterans Organizations Memorial Day parade. Vlasheff is an Air Force veteran. About 300 people lined Parnell Avenue to watch the parade de-



We,
the Class of Nineteen Ninety-nine
are pleased to announce
our graduation from
Carroll High School
Sunday, June sixth
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
Exposition Center
We treasure the privilege of
being able to share our joy
of achievement with you.

THE Class OF Ninety Nine

Open House

WHAT: Open House for Jennifer Fitch
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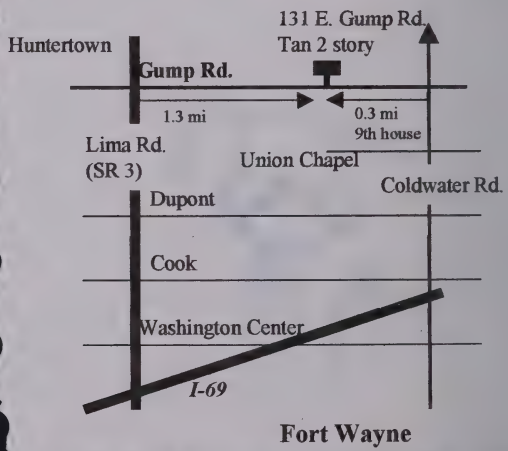

THE CLASS OF 1999

THE FUTURE IS YOURS

It has become a tradition that the commencement exercises be conducted in a manner which both the graduates and their guests can be proud.

These graduates have worked hard to reach this milestone in their lives and are proud of their accomplishments in both academics and extracurricular activities.

The pride can be shown by honoring the request of the Senior Class of 1999 that the audience please refrain from actions which will distract from the dignity of the commencement program.

-Senior Class of 1999-

CLASS FLOWER

Blue Tipped White Rose

CLASS SONG

"Time of Your Life" . . . . . Green Day

CLASS MOTTO

"Where Nothing is Certain
Everything is Possible."
-Anonymous-

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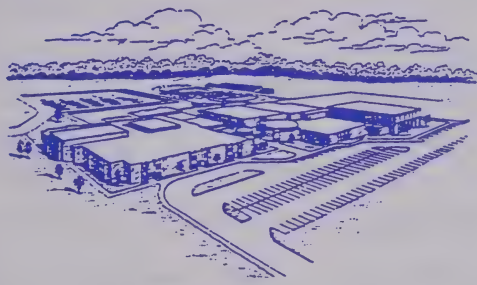
Thirty-first Annual Commencement



Sunday, June Sixth,
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-nine

2:00 P.M.

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

PROGRAM

Concert. . . . . .Carroll High School Band
Mr. Everette Hornbarger, Director

Processional. . . . . .Carroll High School Band
"Pomp and Circumstance". . . . . Elgar-Ployhar-Grundman

Prologue. . . . . .Kate Rolf, Senior Class Vice President

Welcome. . . . . Elizabeth Baker, Senior Class President

Presentation of Class. . . . . .Dr. Steven L. Yager, Superintendent
(Recognition of Valedictorian. . . . . .Mr. Timothy L. Ogle, Principal
and Salutatorian)

Transfer "Memorial Lamp of Learning" . . .Christin Easterhaus, Salutatorian
Andrew Goetz , Highest Ranking Junior

Choral Farewell. . . . . .Senior Ensemble, Carla Doles, Director
"Love Lift Us Up Where We Belong". . . . . arr. Mac Huff

Awarding of Diplomas. . . . . Mr. Timothy L. Ogle, Principal
Northwest Allen County Board of School Trustees

Class Gift Presentation. . . . . .Rachel Baer, Gift Committee Chairperson

Circle of Friendship. . . . . Emily Gage, Student Council President
Soloists . . . . . .Rachel Wiegand, Matthew Getz
Duet . . . . . Amber Hawn & Bethany Ray

Farewell. . . . . Justin Bauer, Valedictorian

Tassel Ceremony. . . . . J. Oscar Mitson, Senior Class Treasurer

Epilogue. . . . . .Rula Mourad, Senior Class Secretary

Recessional. . . . . Carroll High School Band

Herald Trumpets Donated by Plymouth Congregational Church
Tuxedos Provided by All Occasion Formal Wear

Dedicated to our friends who are no longer with us:
Zach Gudakunst, Joel Strausborger, Brian Young

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The Lamp of Learning was established by Mr. Lee Cox, then principal of Carroll High School, in memory of Joene Ann Wort, a member of the Class of 1974 who lost her life during her senior year, to symbolize the education and inculcation of academic knowledge that takes place at Carroll High School. Since then, it has come to symbolize all Carroll students whose deaths have precluded their graduation.

Traditionally, it has been presented by a member of the graduating class to a representative of the junior class at commencement. That senior expresses what the education at Carroll High School has meant and passes the lamp to the recipient with a challenge to continue the high level of academic achievement and expectation of the faculty and students of Carroll High School.

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Valedictorian. . . . . Justin Bauer

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SENIOR CLASS GIFT

Traditionally, the graduating class gives a gift that will benefit the future and remind subsequent classes of their predecessors. The Carroll High School Class of 1999 has focused its attention on benefiting the present and future life of Michael King.

Michael King is a first grader at Hickory Center Elementary School. He is eight years old and suffers from multiple birth defects, including oralfacial digital syndrome.

Michael, from the class of 1999, has received a computer, and this summer, he and his parents will be traveling to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

This gift follows a tradition that began twelve years ago when the senior gift shifted its emphasis from a material present to a person in need. The recipients of prior class gifts are as follows:

1987 ..... **Jamie Seaver**
Trip to Hollywood Set "Who's the Boss"

1988 ..... **Terry Sible**
Deck for his Wheelchair

1989 ..... **Kelly Jones**
Widened Door for her Wheelchair

1990 ..... **Rhonda Lahrman**
Trip to Whidby Island near Seattle, Washington

1991 ..... **Bryan and Erik Smith**
Trip to Disney World

1992 ..... **Steven Schmucker**
Trip to Disney World
Adam Mowan
Trip to Dearborn, Michigan

1993 ..... **Jacob Risley**
Christmas Gifts
Room Decorations

1994.....**Sarianna Swing**
Trip to Disney World

1995.....**Steven Snyder**
Stereo System
Nicolas Muenier
Trip to Disney World

1996.....**Austin Zink**
Trip to Disney World
Maurice Sims
Apple Multimedia Computer
Marcia Brock
Christmas Gifts

1997.....**Brandon Rice**
Trip to Disney World
Caitlin Huss
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1998.....**Andrea Bishop**
Trip to Cancun, Mexico

Because these gifts require much of the senior classes, they serve as appropriate acts of friendship and service.

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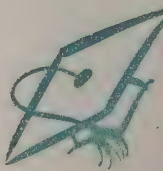

Sunday, June 6, 1999 .. Didn't go to church. Warren wanted to go to Leo, but failed to find out just when it starts. He called Tom to check on where it was, but forgot to ask the time. Anyway, we didn't go. This was Jennifer's graduation day and it was at the Coliseum. They graduated more than 300 seniors. It was nice, but didn't get close enough to see John and Amy or where they sat. Warren took a film of part of it and I tried to take some pictures, but the film didn't work right. Guess I got a couple, but we were so far away it may not have been any good anyway. On the film we could not find Jennifer except when she went up to get her diploma. So then we just came on home. Graduation was at 2 pm in the afternoon.

Monday, June 7, 1999 .. This was a hot one. Had quite a bit of wind, but it got over 90 degrees and it was hot. Took Katie to basketball camp from 9 to 10:30. I went to the grocery in Garrett and then to the library. Had about half an hour there. They do not have a very large genealogy section, but I started going through the DeKalb County History. Then I had to go to WalMart for a couple more prescriptions. One was the nose spray that I am to use for bone growth. Seems funny to spray it up your nose and it will add bone to your body! Doesn't make much sense, but guess I had better give it a try. Guess this was the day that I also went to Mom's to do a few things for her. It has been such a full week that I am not sure. But she needed her bandage changed and seemed to think she couldn't do it herself. Katie had a game tonight and they won this one. It was a late game and the air felt really good after a hot day. The girls were behind, but got ahead at the end and won by 1 run.

Tuesday, June 8, 1999 .. Another hot day in the 90s again. To be hot all week. Took Katie to Garrett again. Then Timothy was with us and he was to get his report card and couldn't get it until after 10 am so we went to the library and then picked Katie up and got them something to drink and came on home. Today I went then to Scotts and got some groceries for the week. In the evening David had a game and they lost this one. David got to pitch some. And got a couple hits and made some runs. Amy stayed home to work on the open house coming this weekend.

Wednesday, June 9, 1999 .. Still very hot. Warren got the air conditioner in and it is a big help. I was losing energy fast without it. Took Katie again and then spent the rest of the time in the library where it was cool. The coach thinks Katie may get bored with being in this younger class, but she seems to enjoy it anyway. The older girls are learning better things, but I suppose there are rules and how do you put Katie in the older class and not some of the others that also had played in the winter. Tim had a game tonight at Riverdale, but we decided not to go. Guess they lost by one run and Tim did some pitching. Now sure how it all went, but must have been extra innings and they lost finally by 1 run.

Thursday, June 10, 1999 .. Got hot very fast today. No breeze at all. After dropping Katie off at the gym I went to a couple garage sales. Seems all they had were kid's clothers and toys. I did buy a couple Christmas items. Then stopped at the store (Lance's) for a couple things and went to the library. This will be the last day to go to the library as I think they have some tournaments tomorrow and I will probably want to watch them play. Warren went to play some golf and played 18 holes as he had started early. But it was still very hot before he was done. He went by himself

this time. Thought I would have to go to mom's to help out, but Judy was there and I talked to her about doing it for pay. She doesn't want to, but it would make it so much easier for me. So she is going to do it today and I will go tomorrow. I need to buy some more supplies as they will soon be running low. I tried to tell mom how she might be able to do it herself, but her big thing is that she "can't do it" even when she hasn't even tried. I am not sure if it is just her age, but she has shown this tendency for many years now. Not wanting to do things, especially things she doesn't like to do!! Guess we could all be like that.

Got a book from the book club. It is a Kinkade book and I thought it would have large nice pictures of his paintings in, but they are there, but very small. I have a letter nearly ready to go to Marge Gray. She sent me what information she has, but I don't think she knows anything about the Beers connection and that is the one that is very clearly true. I think she just used others information and put it together the way she though it went best. I will probably throw a curve into her genealogy!!

Haven't been out to my garden for several days. It should be growing well with all this heat, but we will soon be needing rain again. I did water the flowers around the house yesterday and all on the porch. Well, must stop this diary now and wash my hair as tomorrow will be a very busy day and too hot to sit under the dryer!!

Mom did have an eye appointment this morning, but she changed it to the 15th of July. That was helpful to me. Lois took her to her doctor yesterday to have them look at the "thing" she has on her back and they couldn't do much about it, but give her antibiotics to take and some cream to put on and told her to soak it 4 times a day in epsom salts. Guess the pads must be soaked and then she is to put them on her back. Anyway, it has been a trying week with her.

Friday, June 11, 1999 .. Another hot one. This one seemed hotter than the rest. No breeze at all and the heat came earlier in the day it seemed like. This was Katie's last day for basketball camp. I stayed to watch them do their things. I think they probably were just refreshing all the things he had taught them. Then they played a little scrimmage with 5 on 5. They let Katie take the ball down as she already knew usually just what to do and the other girls needed to learn to set up the plays. Anyway, I think she had a pretty good week. He told them that they needed to get the ball out and play every day and shoot.

Then after I got home I had to go in to give mom some assistance. She needs that bandage changed about 4 times a day and she just doesn't seem to want to even try it herself. Perhaps I am just being too hard on her. Everyone else says she should not have to do it herself. And they have all won out as she isn't even going to try.

I stopped at WalMart to get some plastic gloves as Judy will not do it without plastic gloves! I guess she has had some training of some sort and she is pretty much of a perfectionist so it must be done right. I don't think this is catching, in that we could catch it from changing mom's bandage, but maybe it would prevent any more or a different kind of infection by touching the sore if your hands were not perfectly clean. Oh well, I never wanted to be a nurse. It was such a hot drive and getting in and out of the store was hot and when you came back out, the car was like a bake oven. So it wore me out.

Then about 4 pm it was time to go to Jenn's graduation open house. It was hot outside, but the house was pretty cool inside. A lot of people came, and the food was great. Tommy and Linda had a hand in making some of the things. And they kept adding when it got down. I took quite a few pictures. Mary, Timothy, and Katie came and Carol and Jared. Edith and Marshall, the Trouts, Mike and Moe, and lots of folks we didn't know. Kids from Carol, and some of Judy's friends. Some played basketball, but mostly everybody ate and talked. We were there from about 4 to 8:30 and then came on home to get our house cooled off before bedtime. There was a few sprinkles and some thunder, but not much water fell. I tried to shoot a few baskets myself, and ended up with a hurt or twisted knee. I hardly did anything, but it was hurting pretty bad and I was limping like an old soldier! Guess I am over the hill!!

Saturday, June 12, 1999 .. Started out like it was really going to be hot so when it came time to go to the ballgame, I decided not to go. Then it got cloudy and never really got hot in the morning. Warren did go and also stopped at the garage sales at Holiday Lakes. He said they were duddy!! And guess he left before the game was over so didn't even know if they ended up winning or losing. He said after Timothy was done pitching, the rest were duddy pitchers and guess there were a lot of hits and runs because of that. Tim must have hurt his arm, because he got them out of a bad fix in one inning and pitched to a couple in the next and they had to take him out. He had mentioned that his arm was hurting him this week and not sure just why it was. Maybe too much basketball yesterday !!!

In the evening we went to the Bible Study at Don and Michelle's. Carol was not there this time. It was pretty good, but short. Discussed the secure and insecure and what that means in each of our lives. I would be classed as "insecure' but Warren thinks he is both but what they are looking for is which way you lean. None of us is all one or the other. It refers to how we view God as father, not necessarily how we view others around us.

Sunday, June 13, 1999 .. This morning we went to Leo to the church there and found a lot of folks that we already know were there. Ran into Ellen Zehr and Megan before we got in the door. Saw Jeff Beerbower, Janelle Hensley, Denny and Tanya Miller, and Brad Miller, son of Roger and Sue was the preacher this morning. I think he is just one of the pastors and apparently the regular one was not there this morning or at least didn't preach. The music was pretty good and fairly lively, even if we didn't know most of the songs. A couple we did know. There is still no place like Vineyard for worship music. Perhaps First Assembly comes close. It seemed like an up and coming church, but one visit doesn't make us know what it is really all about. Apparently Ellen likes it as she has been going there for about 7 years or so now. They had some trouble in the early days I think, and there was a split of some sort. Sam Zehr was there and I didn't recognize him until it was pointed out to me who he was. He was in my class at Leo, however, he said he only went there his freshman year and then he quit. So he never graduated and quit going to school while I was still there. I didn't remember that, but he was rather a trouble-maker and sort of a rough kid. Now he greets folks at the door of the church. Never can tell, can you?? Well, suppose we will go back. Not ready to make any decision yet as where to go. It may take months.

I had to go in this afternoon to do mom's bandage and take her a few things. Lois is taking morning and evening, but will be leaving for Florida next week on Friday I think, so will not be available after that.

Monday, June 14, 1999 .. The heat is gone and it will be a chilly week. Today was still fairly nice, but to drop temps for a couple days. I didn't go in to do mom's bandage today. Judy and Lois took care of it. I am hobbling pretty bad today. Seems I just don't get any better. Spent the day at home except for Katie's ball game tonight. They played the biggest team of girls there, First Church of Christ, and they got beat. This is probably the best pitcher in the league. Not probably, she is. Tall and quite fast. The girls just couldn't do anything against her and because of their size the hit our pitchers quite a bit. We (the Elks) tried 2 other pitchers before putting Katie in. Of course, she was a little wild at first, but when she settled down, the did hit her pitches as she is usually pretty accurate. Anyway, they lost. And then we went on to Huntertown to watch Jeremy play a game. And they finished one game that was rained out on Friday, and then played another so it was quite late by the time they were done and we were home. I guess the temperature was not bad at Garrett, but it got much colder as the sun went down and we were quite cold at Huntertown. Setting on the aluminum bleachers my legs and bottom got very cold and it took a couple hours to warm my body up. The boys lost the game they had to finish, but went on to win the regular game. Jeremy got two good hits and played third base.

Tuesday, June 15, 1999 .. Another cold day. Still stayed home except for going to mail my letters and a package to Marge Gray and to take in another film (the graduation party). Waited for a call from mom, but she didn't call until after 2 pm and it would have been too late to make the trip in as Lois was coming at 6 so it seemed wise just to let it go for the mid afternoon change. But guess Judy got home from the grocery store and thought it should be done, so went to do it at 3:30 even though Lois would be there at 6 pm. Oh well.

Tonight David had a ball game at Huntertown at 7:30. Guess it was 8 pm before it got started. So they lost their game too, although David hit the ball, and not too many of the others did. He didn't pitch real well, and so they finally had to take him out. Some days you got it and some days you don't!! He gets so down on himself, but he must remember even the pros have bad days! Perhaps that is just a "kid" trait, and I hope so, as that attitude will make it hard to play sports. Timothy has had a problem with that for several years and he is a pretty good pitcher, but when he gets down, things go downhill. For David tonight, he also had little support out in the field, and if he had, perhaps his pitching might have seemed much better or would have been better.

Wednesday, June 16, 1999 .. Mom had a doctor's appointment at 3 pm but had things she wanted me to do before going so left home about 12:15 and made a stop at WalMart for some foam boards. They were out of white so will have to try again later or somewhere else. Their price was the best so will wait. Need them for the reunion and setting up photos and displays. In the morning, I worked in the garden and flower beds just a little. The weeds are beginning to take over and it begins to look like a jungle. The garden is good though. Warren also rototilled the big garden and that looks good. However his melons are very sparce. Only about one third to half of them came up. He gets JEALOUS when all my squash and gourds come up!!!

They took the cast off mom's arm and put a splint on instead. Now she must have that on for 4 weeks or so before they pronounce her healed, but the doctor said it was looking really good so should be no problem. But she was disappointed as she thought she would just get back to normal right away. She is to take the splint off just to do some exercises and to wash up and lotion her arm and hand. I would guess that her elbow will be stiff for a while also as it is pretty much held in a bent postition. So not sure what that means in the changing of her bandages, etc. I told her to call her doctor and see how long she was to continue that treatment. It still looks red and sore to me, but yesterday it pretty much stopped seeping, so hope that is good. Judy is leaving on Friday to go see her mother, and Lois is leaving for Florida and that leaves just me, and maybe Ginny next door to help out. I was hoping she would be able to do it herself. And I think she can if we make up those bandages ahead of time so she doesn't have to cut the tape. Then all she would have to do was put on some salve and plunk it on. But will she even try??? She would not try before when I thought it was possible. Wouldn't even try.

In the evening Jeremy had another ball game. They were playing the best team in the league. They have a pitcher who looks pretty good. They got behind 6 to 1 in the first few innings with a another boy pitching and finally they did put Jeremy in and he was pretty good, except maybe a little wild, but he struck out 7 batters (or was it 9) but he also walked a few, made some mistakes by throwing the ball to second base and not ever getting anyone out, and that left the man on third free to run in to home. He did throw one out at first. But with a couple hits, and errors in the field, they just got further behind. Jeremy scored their first run. I guess they did get a couple more in the later innings, but was too far behind to ever think of catching up. The other team had 11 or 12 I think. Anyway, this was the first time Jeremy had pitched in a couple years or more and he is quite a smooth and natural pitcher. Hope he gets the chance again. However, one of these days they will be getting the players from Carroll High School who are still in tournaments and still winning. They are a really good team and will have to be put out before the boys can play on any other team. May be another two weeks at least if they keep on winning. It was still chilly out there tonight, but have been wearing my down jacket and that is a big help. I even put on long johns to keep my legs warm and that helped too.

Thursday, June 17, 1999 .. It was to rain overnight, but we didn't get any here. That is OK as the gardens are fairly wet yet. Warren went off with Tim (othy) to play golf this morning. I had forgotten to say that he had gone with John, and Jeremy on Monday after the rain was all over. Guess John and Judy and Gabe and probably Jeremy will also be going today, but probably to different courses. Warren is going to Rome City I think. I am writing this in the morning after he is gone.

Talked with mom and we are waiting for a call from the doctor to see if she might cut down on the applications of epsom salts and changing of the bandages. It still was not seeping this morning. So at this time will stop this diary. Thought I might go to a couple garage sales, but there is just 3 out there and I don't really feel like venturing out just for that. One at Pine Valley and two at Huntertown.

The call came and they said she was to continue on with the soaking, but they also set up an appointment to get this thing out on Monday. Lois is leaving in the morning so will not be around. Today yet she was there twice to change mom's bandage. Then Judy Beirman was there in the middle of the day.

Katie had a game tonight and they won 13 to 11. They were way ahead and then they started to walk some of the girls in. Katie went in and she still walked several in to bring the score up to 11, but was able to get them out finally before they got any more. She must have pitched the last 3 innings. The first inning was a big one!

Friday, June 18, 1999 .. Warren and I went to a few garage sales this morning. Mostly at Oak Grove over on Dupont and Tonkel. Didn't really find much and my leg began hurting pretty bad so had to come on home about 11 am. I was to be in at mom's about 1 pm anyway so went on in to do that. Judy was supposed to do it in the morning, but somehow she had to skip it or miss her bus out of town and then the other Judy that was supposed to come did not come. A confusing day. No game tonight so got to stay home for a change. That was nice, but I have not been sleeping well at all and am getting up about 3:30 in the morning. I just can't get back to sleep after that. So am getting pretty tired I think. Do pretty well until about 8 in the evening and then I am finished.

Saturday, June 19, 1999 .. The temps are coming up and today it was in the upper 70s again. I went in to mom's in the morning. Was to be there at 10 am, but she called twice at 6 am to say it was really red and she didn't know what to do with it, so I went in early. I had been on the computer from about 4:30 to 6:30 and didn't get her message until that time. But when I finally did get there, it didn't look any different than it had before. She is just very babyish about it all, and says she can't put on the bandage. She makes such a to-do about it that I am afraid that we may have to find another place for her. Perhaps when Lois gets back, we can talk about some kind of an apartment or assisted living care. I am really afraid for her with the basement there and afraid that she might fall down. The stairs are very dangerous and I wouldn't want to be going up and down them myself very much. I fixed up 5 bandages for her and they should be ready to plop on her back. I said I would be back on Sunday after church so she will do it the rest of the time and I know that she can. The neighbors are all gone right now that usually help her and she feels left out and alone I am sure.

This afternoon Timothy played ball at Auburn. They were doing quite well, but in the end they got beat. Timothy was walked a couple of times, struck out once, and got on by either a hit or error, not sure which it was but was on most of the time. Josh did the pitching and he did a pretty good job, but the Auburn team or whoever they were were pretty good hitters. So we had been ahead by about 6 to 3 and they finally caught up and were tied at 8 runs for a while, then the other team slowly added a run at a time until they were about 4 ahead. Lance's got one more run but could not catch up so lost in the end. It was really very nice out there, as the sun was out but not really hot and there was a nice breeze.

Then it was nearly time when we got home for the Bible Study. We had about an hour to eat and get on the move again. Carol was teaching tonight. It was about

the committed and the relationship oriented folks. I think they have me pegged all wrong. Very interesting that they would think I am relationship and Warren is the committed one!! I think we are just the opossite. Well time will tell I guess. Not that it is earth shakingly important. Maybe I put on a different face than I feel!!

Anyway it was 9 pm before we got home and I was so tired I could hardly keep going. Went right to bed. This lack of sleep is catching up with me I think. Decided not to make plans to go to church. We had thought we might go back to First Assemby for the early service.

Sunday, June 20, 1999 .. This is Father's Day. I guess I didn't do a thing for my father. I actually forgot about the day until it was too late. Perhaps I could send him something through the mail, not for Father's Day, but maybe a note with some photos or something. It had been so long since I had done anything about a father on Father's Day, that I am not thinking of it usually. We never had contact for so many years. Warren went golfing with John. Mary called to wish him Happy Father's Day. He went with me to mom's this morning to help. He put up the new lamp bulb in her sewing room that was flickering so badly. We had purchased it yesterday at WalMart. I changed her bandage. I don't really like the looks of the thing. It seems to be still too red to suit me, but the doctor will see it tomorrow so he can make that determination. I hope she doesn't have to have another round of antibiotics before they can do the job. That would mean I would be on call all the time for this bandage routine again. I hope they can get it out or off and it can begin to heal. She doesn't want to go and have it done at all, but I won't go through this again, just because she doesn't want to do it.

It was warmer again today, in the low 80s and to continue to warm up. The house is still very cool.

Monday, June 21, 1999 .. Guess this is John and Amy's anniversary though I don't do anniversaries. Mom had her doctor appointment this afternoon and so I took her. It was to see Dr. Glassley about the boil on her back and to have it taken out if he thought it was ready. But no, he said he couldn't do it when it was still infected somewhat so she was to soak it again until it heals up and then when it is all healed, they will take it off. I doubt that when it does heal that she will go for that. Probably just put it off and hope she dies before it flares up again!! That is her way of thinking. So more soaking and bandaging for a while. Not sure how it can heal all covered up with salve, etc. Seems that will just keep it soft.

It was fairly warm out there today. I also went to Scotts to get her some eggs and more pads and tape and Epsom salts so she can continue on. Judy was supposed to get back today, but we did not see any sign of her as yet. Probably will contact mom tomorrow. Then on my way home, I stopped at WalMart to get some of the larger pads, as she can put them on easier and hit the right spot I think. Also they had the larger tapes that she uses.

Got home just in time to go off to the ball game. Tonight Katie played and they got beat. They played the team that Jade plays on and they are much larger and can hit the ball. The girls did a pretty good job though considering their competition. Katie was a little wild, but she had to pitch the whole game. I don't think there is anyone else that can do it or is willing to even try..

Tuesday, June 22, 1999 .. In the mid to upper 80s. I went back to mom's about 11 am and changed her bandage. We tried the hot pack to keep the epsom salt compress warm while it was on her back but I think she cannot handle that as it needs to sit in boiling water for 5 minutes and with one hand the boiling water is not too good an idea. Oh well, she still has the heating pad to try. She gets so bemuddled when anything new or different is tried. I believe that Judy is home and will no doubt contact mom and that may relieve me some.

On the way home I stopped at Meijers for a few things. I bought some frozen foods and so decided I had to come right on home so as not to let anything melt. I wanted to stop at Scotts, but will have to do that another time. It was really hot today, at least in the car. Every time I stopped the car got hot again even though I was using the air conditioner while driving.

So tonight David played baseball at Huntertown. They lost their game. David pitched several innings before they took him out. It was nicer out in the air and finally really got a little cool. When I was at Meijers I also bought a double window fan to try in the sewing room upstairs. It was on sale. Warren put it in for me, but I see I still have to take it out when it rains. But other than that I can leave it in the window, unlike the box fan that I was trying to use.

Wednesday, June 23, 1999 .. When mom called this morning she said that Judy was coming over today and that I probably would not have to so I got to just stay home. Well, except for a trip to Scotts, of course, to get a watermelon and some ice cream.

It got up to 89 today, but I was home before it got hot. I am working on the DeLong and Statler books to prepare them for the reunion. I will have to fix all the other books that pertain to the Fitch family also for the folks to look at.

Plus make up the relative photo and letter board. Hard to believe that the reunion is just about 3 weeks away. Not much time. I wanted to make one more trip to the library before I had to finish up the Alternate Genealogy, and the final DeLong pages. Hoping that Ann Hassold will contact me before the reunion with what she found in Pennsylvania. Marge Gray sent an e-mail to say she received my packet and it would take her a while to digest what was there so may even hear back from her before reunion time, but have little hope that she has any proof of her genealogy of John Fitch. Think Ann has a much better grasp on the problem. So may just be helping Marge more than she will help me.

Think I forgot to say that Warren and John played golf on Monday and they had another fellow with them that was really pretty good. We did have a note on the door from Don Irish and don't remember just what day that was, but some time when we were gone. He had a TV he wanted looked at. Suppose if it wasn't for that, they would not have contacted us at all. Who knows?? And guess it doesn't really matter. Seems Vineyard is just a long past memory. Have been too busy to mope about it. And what good would that do anyway??

Tonight, Wednesday, Katie played another softball game and this they won right at the end. Katie pitched the whole game, and was not really doing too well, walking some and they were hitting pretty much too. But each time the other team got ahead they came back and tied the score. Finally they had 1 run ahead and time for the other team to bat. They got the bases loaded and hit a couple hard ones, which the girl on 2nd base caught and the other one was "snagged" by Katie and it was really a hard hit ball so her reflexes must be pretty good as it ended up in her mitt and she held it. So the game was over and they won by one run. They were pretty happy about it. This was another team that was much larger and stronger than our girls, the Presbyterian Church team.

We had a few sprinkles when the first game was just about over, and they stopped it for a few minutes, and when the light rain was over the air was cooler and it felt pretty good. The rest of the evening was completely dry and no wind at all. We didn't get any here at home and doesn't look like we will either. The Web said we had a 50% chance this evening and a 70% chance for tomorrow, but think that it went South. TV 21 did not give much hope for much rain if any.

Thursday, June 24, 1999 .. Mom decided that she didn't really need me today as Judy was coming over to look things over. So I got to stay home. Am trying to recoup from the stressful days I have gone through and my body is still very tired.

Working on the DeLong pages and books and the Fitch books too to get them in order for the reunion. Tonight David played again and we went to watch. This was a late game. I have been getting to bed late and still getting up pretty early so guess I am not getting as much rest as I should either. But when my eyes go "blink" in the morning, I have to just get up. No going back to sleep for me. The temps are on the warmish side and hanging around 90 degrees, but it cools off well at night.

Friday, June 25, 1999 .. Another warm day with no rain in sight. Jeremy had a game at 6 pm and we went to watch that. He got to pitch and did quite well. They also hit well and so won the ballgame. When mom called this morning she was doing pretty well I guess and thought there was no reason for me to come in today, so Warren and I went out to do a little garage-saling. Pine Valley was having an association sale and this is the first time they have ever done that. Usually they let the folks have sales all summer and gives me something to go to each week. This time there were quite a few sales.

Warren was on the lookout for golf balls and found a few. I bought a few magazines, and a chair for the computer desk, plus a doll, a few dishes and a walnut Christmas angel. One box of sherberts look like Candlewick by Fostoria, but they may not be. I bought 7 of them for $4. Will probably give them to one of the girls unless I can find a buyer who really wants to buy them. If not Candlestick, then they are worth about what I paid for them. If they are, they are worth about $10 each and they look in good condition. Warren also bought another bike for $3 and he thinks it rides well. It is a little older, so a little easier to ride than these new-fangled things!!

Saturday, June 26, 1999 .. Another day in the 90's or so. Mostly sunny, but there were a few clouds up there. Talked to mom this morning, and she must have been feeling sorry for herself because she wondered if I shouldn't come in to look at her sore. She said I hadn't been there for a week. I took exception to that as it had only been a few days, and she promptly hung up on me. Finally she called me back and we had a "good" discussion, but I can see that she really doesn't understand what I am talking about when I say she exaggerates to some degree. She pretty much told me that she thinks I do not care about her and her helplessness. I only try to make her a little more independent when it is possible. Oh well, guess I will just set down what I can do and what I cannot do and leave it at that. I cannot be on call all the time. Judy is taking care of her garden for an exchange of produce for the work when the crop comes in. So far she has taken really good care of it. I told her we would stop in tomorrow after church.

We went to Tim's ball game at Garrett. They had a double-header and he pitched 4 innings in the first one. They won by 1 run I think, 13 to 12. It was 9 to 4 when Tim went out. James Knepper came in to pitch in the 5th inning. It was quite hot out there, but the sun was somewhat under the clouds, so it could have been a lot worse. But one game was all we could take with the heat and as they were having a hot dog cookout between games, we came on home.

Subj: **Hello again,**
Date: 6/26/99 11:48:30 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: WFitch5413
To: rckj@cyberport.net

Dear Cathy and crew, all of you,

Guess it is time to check and see how all things are out there in the fur West. Today Indiana is pretty hot!! To be in the 90s I guess. Timothy has a doubleheader today with his first game at noon. Probably will try to go to one of them, but we don't tolerate the heat very well any more. We have gone to at least one game each night this week and sometimes 2. Katie played twice and so did David and Jeremy. Tim had a game early in the week but it was in another town so we watched David instead. Guess what?? They all pitch, at least part of the time. Do you suppose they caught that from their grandpa??? Katie is about the only pitcher her team has. Some of the other girls try, but are very wild. She has a lot of determination but she is still so much smaller than the other girls that she is accurate, but cannot get much speed, so they hit it often. Sometimes they win and sometimes they lose but hope they are having fun!!

What is Kyle doing this summer? I have been unable to get the Montana State Web site and am not sure why. I don't thoroughly understand "this thing"! After the race at Oregon I did get the Web site there to find out what Kyle did in the race so was successful in that, but have heard nothing since that time. Does he have an outside job, or is he just helping his dad? And what is Jason up to?

Jennifer graduated and Amy had a big open house on a Friday night. They had their graduation ceremony at the Coliseum and the expo hall was packed. We were so far away you needed opera glasses to tell who was who!! Guess they had between 200 and 300 graduating. One of Larry and Karen (Maloney) Fitch's boys was in the same class. His name is Nathaniel, or "Nate". He also plays on the same ball team as Jeremy and so does his brother Kevin. We never see Larry or Karen though, and not sure why. Saw Sandy a couple times this year. Guess Cody is playing, but not sure which one he is. They don't do any announcing at Huntertown.

went to a few garage sales yesterday. Your father went along. In fact, he was the one that initiated the trip! He is playing some golf this summer, and needed more golf balls, so since Pine Valley was having an association sale, he thought it might be a good possibility there would be golf balls out there for sale. And he did fine a few, but not many had balls this time. I think these folks just find them and then sell them.

He is going to play with your Aunt Maxine at the "Garrett Days" in July. Since it is the same weekend as the Fitch Reunion Maxine will be here for both. She is quite good as she has played a lot in Florida and she and Dick were in golf leagues when he was still living and she continued to play. I am trying to pull things together for the Reunion, as most of it on this end will be on my shoulders. Will be a busy week end, no doubt. I am working on my photo books and family history books to display.
Since we will be meeting on Friday night to look at things and visit, think it will be fun. Usually we are so rushed on Reunion Day that all we get done is eat, and clean up afterward, and those doing the work do not get to visit or look at what folks brought. So hopefully this will change things some and we will get a better chance to visit.

That weekend John will be in England. He will be there for three weeks this time, but will miss the reunion. Hope I can get some of the kids to go. I am sure Judy and Gabe will if he is here for that weekend, and Jeremy is quite a history lover so unless he has something else imagine he will want to go. He is in driver's training now and so soon they will have 3 on the road. His year at Blackhawk went well, and as a Freshman he got to play basketball and be on the varsity baseball team, though he didn't get a lot of playing time, it was good experience. Except when he broke his nose. Probably never told you about that. He plays third base when not pitching and a ball took a really bad hop and hit him square in the nose and broke it and he had to have a few stitches under his eye. All is pretty much back to normal now and you can't tell that it ever happened.

We still are not hearing anything from Grandma's lawyer about the settling of the estate. We had in mind getting the farm, but if so will mean there will not be much else for us, but we wanted the farm as some kind of inheritance for you kids when that time comes. Not that it is so great, but if you would see the way things are building up around here, you would not be able to believe it. Pine Valley is no longer just a little place with a few stores. There are many stores and resturants and they are just finishing a Walgreens where the old Marathon station was. And the gas station at Royville has now a huge new station. We have red stop lights for 4 way stops at the corner of Union Chapel and 27 and also one at Gump and 27. It makes it a

lot easier for us to cross 27 or turn south at Royville. It had gotten where it was nearly impossible to get out on the highway there. Also the corner of 3 and Dupont is being built up with some businesses and another housing development. We are no longer out in the country.

Well, guess it is time to go get ready for a ball game, so will stop for now. Have someone reply so I know we are still getting through. Don't know why it wouldn't though as I haven't had trouble with any other e-mail address, that I know of. It is nice as the folks are e-mailing me about coming to the reunion. I love it.

Did I tell you that mom broke her wrist? Yes, but she has only a splint on it now as it was 8 weeks ago or so. Then she developed a large boil on her backside and with the broken arm had trouble taking care of it. For 2 weeks she had to have someone there to dress it 4 times a day!! Since every trip took me about 2 or 3 hours from start to finish, I made just one trip a day. Lois went twice and we had a neighbor lady come in for the other time. It seems to be healing up OK now. I hope so as that was very time consuming and since she is over 90 she is not as spry as she used to be. I planted her tomatoes and another neighbor is keeping the garden in some sort of order and will share in the produce. My garden looks good, but it is just tomatoes and squash, and green peppers. No beans this year. We need a good rain. Well time is getting away so will stop for now.

Mom

Subj: **Group coming to reunion**
Date: 6/29/99 9:58:17 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: hoosierntt@ij.net (hoosierntt)
To: wfitch5413@aol.com (Warren Fiitch)

Hi Warren & Betty,

I figured you have been busy with making plans for the reunion. I have four rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express. Dave Sue Ryan Rachel and I will be there Thursday evening. Gerry Cynthia Phillip Richard Randy Lydia and Daniel will be there on Friday sometime. We will be there until Sunday and then Dave & Sue will take us to Indianapolis where we will fly home early Monday morning. We have not made plans except for the golf on Friday, potluck on Saturday and my dinner on Saturday evening.

We will have to find someplace to order food for the potluck on Saturday. We can always get KFC but will have to order large quantities for my family. Restaurants that cater would be a possibility also.

Rachel and I will be in Etowah with Dave and Sue a week from Saturday. We will be there until we come to Auburn on Thursday. I guess that is all for now.

Don't worry about the golf as it is a fun thing. I haven't played for over a week but went out this evening and played 5 holes. I had problems with sinus, allergies and then a reaction to some medication I was on. The Doctor said I shouldn't play golf and get overheated so I was in for several weeks. Caught up on my ironing.

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From: hoosierntt@ij.net (hoosierntt)
To: wfitch5413@aol.com (Warren Fiitch)

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Betty said something about being in the kitchen for the picnic. Is this to be held inside or outside or both? Also Phillip's last name is Sanchez if they need that but the rest are Ober's.

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I will check in later, Maxine

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I am writing this on Friday morning, July 2, 1999 .. The whole week has gone by and I failed to keep up, so will have to go back to recall. On Saturday evening the 26th we went to the Bible Study at the Harveys. This was an informal follow-up on the committed/relationship study. We just mainly talked about what we thought we were and how that works in our lives. We are very complicated beings, no doubt!

On Sunday morning I had "running to the bathroom" problems and so we did not attempt to go to church. I had thought to go to First Assembly for the early service, but then found that it was at 8:30 and knew that was impossible for me on that day.

During this week the weather changed from hot back to cool. We had rain overnight on one of the nights early in the week and that with some wind brought in a few cool days. In fact by game time on Monday evening, we were in jackets and blankets again.

I guess it was Katie that played on Monday night. It was their last tourney game and they lost it, making it the last one for them as a team. They still have all the All-star games to go through. They played the Psi Ota Psi team with Jade and Jennie as pitchers. Actually, it was the hitting that cost them the game. The other team has such power with the bat, because they are so large in size, and our girls cannot put out the kind of defense that is needed, and then couldn't hit the ball themselves as they should. So all in all, they lost the game. It was pretty much expected, even though they had beaten the team once in the year. Katie pitched 3 innings or more and then they let Britanny come in to pitch as Katie was getting too tired. They hit off both of them. Anyway that was the last game for the Elks.

Tuesday night, the 29th, David had a game and they also lost. David pitched several innings. And then on Wednesday night, Jeremy and his team played at Huntertown and they won. David played last night and Warren went. I stayed home as I was so tired from running the whole week. They lost again. David did not pitch, but he got some hits. On Wednesday, Jeremy had a really good hit, thought it might go all the way, but think he got just to second as they recovered pretty fast even though it was over their heads. They had played this "hot shot" team, or at least they seem to think they are. That game was really called for time in the 5th inning.

Tim had a game at Hamilton on Wednesday night also and we did not go, of course, but he said they won it over Jimmy VanOver. He is a long-time "foe" from the Major League days. Tim got some hits and played well, though Josh did the pitching. They did not expect to win as this was the first lost for that team. I guess we first met Jimmy at the Butler tournament a couple of years ago.

The temps have been running in the 70's during the day the first part of the week and then a little over 80 for a couple of days. Thursday was still comfortable with clouds and sun. They are predicting a huge heat up for the weekend.

I got my groceries on Tuesday. Then on Thursday, I went into town to get a few groceries for mom at Aldi's. She was out of fresh fruit and veggies. I had to stop at WalMart for a prescription anyway for Evista. I am not sure I can afford that at $55 a month. I am going to check with the new Walgreens at Pine Valley to see if

they can do any better. I was really only taking it about every other day when I was using the samples the doctor had given me and it seemed to be doing fine that way. May just continue on that way until I can talk to the doctor. Supposed to be helpful to the bones though and that does seem to be a main problem with me. I also stopped at Meijers for a few things on the way home. Also picked up an ink cartridge at Best Buy for the printer. I had not run out, but I am doing so much printing that I didn't want to take that chance when getting ready for the reunion.

Should add here that mom has quit doing her soaking and using salve on her "sore". She thought it would heal up much faster without all that. Judy seemed to agree with her so she stopped. That made her much happier not to have all that bother. I looked at it and it does seem to be healing up pretty good. Hope that is the end of it as she has no thought of going back for them to cut it out once it heals. She hopes to die before it gets infected again!! Seems it was 10 or 15 years inbetween the times before when it acted up.

One really great thing that happened this week was the fact that Roy DeLong has contacted me and he sent me his GED file on the DeLong family. It is so good and so complete that it is amazing. I tried to send him an e-mail and that didn't go through so I put it in a short querie form on Genforum and he answered the same evening. Sent me one file and it lacked the family of George, so he sent me a new one that is complete . He sent an "OOPS" e-mail to say he blew it. Apparently he made this file off his huge DeLong file. There are apparently about 4 or 5 different DeLong branches in the US and he is keeping track of all of them. He is a computer whiz on the FTM and told me just what to do. Though it didn't work just like he said it would, the file showed up already in my FTM (Family Tree Maker). Now all I need to learn is how to delete as there are several files in there that need to be deleted. It would seem that each time I have a file in there, it automatically creates a back-up file. That is OK, but now I have about 6 DeLong files listed!!! I do want to keep the DeLong file separate from my Fitch file, so will incorporate the info I want into the Fitch file and not disturb the completed DeLong file. Sound complicated???? Roy says "NO" if you do it a hundred times! Suppose he is right about that. I also need to make ZIP copies of the files in case the computer takes a notion to crash. That does happen sometimes I guess.

Roy seems like a really nice fellow. Have no idea his age or anything, but would guess he is maybe younger than we are. He is not of this same family. In fact, what keeps him in this DeLong search is the fact that he cannot tie his family down, but is sure he will run across the connection some day. He said he just wants to help out and is not interested in getting money for his work as he feels it is foolish for everyone to go over the same trails once it has been done. I agree there and am certainly benefiting from his work. However, he did get some of his info from another fellow so guess it is just good to share. Now need to get this info to Bill.

Speaking of the reunion, the time is coming very fast. There is a lot to do and I am feeling some pressure. I have not been sleeping very well this week and not sure if that is the reason why or not. Have been getting several letters and checks from folks around the country. Need to cash those and have money on hand for supplies. Bill has sent two large boxes with photos and documents in them for the reunion.

Subj: **Re: TV jockey**
Date: 6/27/99 7:49:12 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: shutch@Main-Net.com (Steven Hutchings)
Reply-to: shutch@Main-Net.com
To: WFitch5413@AOL.COM

Thanks Warren, I just got on the computer to print out your message I got wednesday. Carrie's went home this morning after a whirlwind stay. They got here Mon. after being in IN. for a couple a days. Things were fine but they wanted to go and see alot of things,,but they usally didn't get up till 10:00 or later dna somethings closed at 5:00. I took off work Wed., Thur. and oh well might as well do Fri. too. OK when I get back into doing TV work I'll let ya know how it went,,,, Otherwise I'm on 2,,TWO WEEK shutdown July 2nd. thur? So I'll may see you then,,I'll call first. Thanks for the info,,,,Eya Steve Hi Betty

WFitch5413@aol.com wrote:

> Following procedure for isolation of problem in Sharp TV
> check ac fuse f701 if open—check c701 thru c705 & d701 d704 for defects?
> apply 128 v and check for 148 v to common at the cathode of d704- if 148 v is
> missing check d751, l701 ,r702, ry701 and t701.
> if 148 is present check for 128v at the cathode of SCRD707—if voltage is
> missing .check D707 and IC701 If 128 is present call the old tube
> jerky. >This information is from your highly
> technical consulant who has schematic and will not travel?? BEST OF
> LUCK and hope for min—SMOKE BYE

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Here it is on Wednesday of the next week already and I haven't had time to write a word. So here goes. The weekend was very hot and dry. It was over 90 for several days there, but today, Wednesday, July 7th, it feels quite cool. But it is still just morning. Think it was supposed to be 85 today and that will seem cool, compared to 95 like it was before. We didn't get any rain, but a cool front came through yesterday afternoon and the humidity dropped and it cooled off some. In fact we had to have a jacket for the second game last night.

Katie played their first game with the All-Stars or traveling league or whatever. They lost but seems the cream of the crop at Garrett did not turn out to join the team and perhaps that is not so in other places. Leo was good and big and so was Riverdale. The girls played another team, and not sure where it was from, but the got beat 16 to 8. Katie pitched inning 3 and 4 and did OK but lost the first few batters as the bases were loaded when she had to come in and for the first time she was pitching "windmill" and so did pretty well for that. Didn't have many plays at short or 2nd where she played the rest of the time. She did drop one fly which is very unusual for her. But think this is double elimination, so they will probably get another chance. However, from the looks of the other teams that we have seen so far, doubt that they can win, but you never can tell.

On Monday night we went to see Timothy at Riverdale, but it turned out that the other team did not have enough players so forfeited the game and the boys just had some practice and that was all. So it was a trip for nothing, except to find out where the big ball diamond is!!

Sunday we went to church at Leo again. They had a lot of folks gone to Mexico on a mission trip. They had a black team from somewhere in Africa. Around Kenya somewhere. They sang and he preached a little, but mostly told what was going on in that place.

Roy DeLong was here at his daughters and called. I didn't invite him over as we were headed out for the Bible study on Saturday night. He didn't say he wanted to come over anyway, so just let it go for this weekend. Maybe some other time. Had the Bible study and this time it was the pursuer and non-pursuer. That doesn't look right, but must be as the computer did not complain about it!

Went in to Office Depot on Monday morning to make some copies Or was that Tuesday. Seems my days are so filled that I can't keep them straight even the next day!! Must have been Tuesday. I finally opened the boxes that Bill sent and he has several photo books and much other information all neatly done up in notebooks and every page is in its own protective sleeve. Makes mine look pretty tacky. But maybe I can do better. He has a few photos that I would like to have, but mostly I do have most of them. Wanted to copy the abstract from the Nathaniel Fitch homestead and some of the minutes of the Reunion meetings so went over to Amy's to do that. It would take entirely too much time at Office Depot and would have to take the books with me. I did about half of the minutes, and then brought the rest home. I may be able to take them to Office Depot, but the abstract was too difficult to handle there with no table to work on. So much to do and so little time!!

BIBLE STUDY COOKOUT

WHEN: Sunday, July 11, 1999
TIME: 4:00 p.m. dinner: 5-7p.m.
WHERE: Eric's house
0629 State Road 6
Corunna (Near Kendallville, see map)
WHAT TO BRING: Appetite!!
Lawn Chairs
Specified food: *Jell-O Salad*
QUESTIONS: Eric: 281-2003 or Michelle Harvey: 486-8097
OPTIONS TO DO ONCE THERE: Swim, fish, hike, play games (bring cards and such), hangout, "fellowship"

VERBAL DIRECTIONS: From I69, it's about a 5 minute drive. From 327, it is 1.1 miles. Once you pass *Carter Lumber* on the south side of the street, it's the second driveway on the north side. There is a brown and yellow "Country Copper Polishing" sign just after the driveway. Once on the driveway, do not turn. Follow drive all the way back.

Here is it Tuesday of the following week. As I write this it is the 13th of July. On Wednesday of last week Jeremy had a ball game which they won handily. Then on Thursday David played. And Jeremy played again on Friday night, but it was at 9:15 and so I did not go. Warren came home early as the other team did not have enough players and so they only played a couple innings and gave up. It was so very late anyway. Then there were no more games for over the weekend and last night, Katie played at Grabill in the Leo tournament and they lost pretty badly. Our team of girls want to play ball, but they are not the "cream of the crop" as the other teams seem to be. Our best girls have decided they did not want to play ball in these tournaments as they had so much bickering and trouble last year and the older girls did not want to expose themselves to this again. So as a result we had mostly the smaller girls try out for the tournament team. So our pitching girls are very small or inexperienced. We watched the Harlan/Woodburn teams after Katie's game was over and they are awesome in comparison. Fast pitching and powerful hitting. Each girl makes about 3 or 4 of Katie!! According to the schedule Garrett will play the loser of the second game on the same diamond that they were on and that was either Riverdale, or South Milford. When we left, Riverdale was out in front by 8 to 0 and that was in the 3rd inning. They had two diamonds going at once over there. The South Milford girls were larger but while we watched, at least, they seemed to be less experienced. Well, enough about ball games.

Over the weekend we went to Eric's house on Sunday night for our Bible study and had a cookout. Eric fixed steaks or hamburgers, which ever we wanted and we had all brought in other foods and so had a really great meal. His home is on a lake back a long, long lane It was a 50s house and he is working on it. A spreading ranch with a sunken pit for the living room, which he is tearing apart and putting on the level again. It was really sunken!! Don and Michelle have purchased a plot of ground next to his home. The lake is filled with fish and Katie had her first chance at catching some and she did. So she had a new experience. After the meal, we had communion and then went on in as it was getting chilly to finish our study which was just talking about last week's study.

Tim (Lockwood) was not there and Carol said that Dan Lockwood was home and all the brothers had gone up to the lake to be with him. They were all home but one. He usually gets home about once a year. Still living in West Virginia I guess. Carol had been up the night before. Daniel and Jared were at the cookout, but not Lisa. Carol didn't say, but wonder if she went up with Tim, or maybe just was at a friends home or something.

Yesterday, the 12th of July, mom had an appointment to have her arm looked at for the last time and they said it was fine and that she should go back to doing regular things. Think it will be slowly though as it will be weak and he said it would never be as strong as it was before. So advised her to get an electric can opener, which I had told her before that it would be necessary. So if Lois doesn't get one for her in the meantime, I will probably go next week (after the reunion) and help her to pick out a can opener and portable phone. She fell the other day when trying to get to the phone in the living room. She didn't hurt herself, but she could have. She had been in bed and tried to get up too fast.

As for shopping during this past week, guess I did mainly for the reunion and some groceries. Yesterday, I found a larger foam board that was 32 x 40 and think that is what Bill would want. They run about $5. I bought one at Hobby Lobby for $4.57. I also looked at them at Office Max and they had them priced at 9.99 and I think that was for 2. The package didn't say 2 but it looked like 2. I don't know how many Bill will need. I thought about changing my Bethel Cemetery ones over to the large one, and may do that yet, but not sure. I have 4 of the smaller ones, but they will take up too many easels, for what I can display on them. Warren made 5 easels this last week and stained them. They look pretty good and will be just what we need I think. Probably will need them at the motel and at the reunion. Then he thinks he might try to sell one at his "garage sale" if we ever get around to that. I could use them at craft sales too I am sure. Would be great to mount my angels or snowmen on. Anyway, he did a good job and stained them with pine stain.

I made copies of all the minutes of the reunions going clear back and will put them in my book after the reunion. Also made copies of some of the photos. I may have done that early last week. Made up the DeLong booklets for the reunion. Still need to make some more copies of the Alternate Genealogy to give away. It is just four pages and so Bill may be able to print it in his newsletter, but still it would be cheaper to make copies than probably to send it through the mail. 4 pages is just 20 cents each and they can take it with them. I had made up 10 of those, but with a hundred folks coming, believe I should make up more of them. It just explains why we needed an alternate genealogy and what we now believe is the most likely one.

I bought groceries on Sunday morning as we did not go to church. Seems I was worn out from the whole week and since we were going to Eric's and Steve and Judy were coming after lunch, we decided not to go to Leo today. I still would like to try the early service at First Assembly, but it is so early and since I usually don't feel too good in the morning, it would be hard to do. At least Vineyard's first service did not start until 9 and that was easier. First Assembly's is at 8:30.

I sent Roy DeLong a large packet yesterday and hope there is something good in it for him. I did get a packet from Marge Gray, but have not had the time to really look at it. I don't think she said anything that I didn't already know, but she has not gotten through all that I had sent to her and maybe she will have more on that. One thing I note though in her writings is that she has not found any proof of John Fitch marrying an Elizabeth Hanford either. But yet she has put it in her printed genealogy. Need to ask her just who gave that information. I know it was in an old genealogy as I have it also, and Charles from Florida named Elizabeth Hanford also but wonder where he got it except from the old genealogy. Oh well, maybe some day it will be found. She was to write to me again after she had gone through all my stuff.

The weather has been much cooler for several days and that has been really nice. It was about 80 for a couple of days and was probably 84 yesterday. Cooling off nicely in the evenings. The sun is hot though, during the day.

John is in England and was suffering with sort of an ear infection. Lord, heal that fast. Amy called last night to say it had gotten worse and he was on an antibiotic

and to have it worked on more on Friday. He has an important meeting this morning about 8 am our time which is about 2 pm their time I think and he wanted prayer. The first part of his trip there it seemed to be getting better, but had gotten worse the last couple of days. He still has a week and a half there I think. He was to be gone for 2 ½ weeks or have 2 ½ weeks of meetings and I suppose the flight time then was a couple more days or so which would make it about 3 weeks total.

He said they do not use much air conditioning over there and his first week of meetings was very hot and humid. This week there was to be air conditioning in the building. Also he is staying in a flat and not a regular hotel so he could fix his own breakfast, etc. He did not want to have to go out to eat for every meal. That gets very tiring and expensive. And the flat is not air conditioned, of course, and John is used to the cooler house, so probably rather hard on him.

Shirley Underwood is making copies of the painting of the Fitch homestead and I should be able to take one of them to the reunion to show them what the original looked like. She said that the lady who was to do the painting, looked at the house and said it wasn't what she expected and could not do the painting!! She apparently is quite emotional or stressed out or something. Shirley said something about it affecting her high blood pressure!!! Not sure what the lady was expecting. They found another lady to do it, but she did not include the fence, so will not be quite as I wanted it, but maybe I can paint my own some day!! Oh well! Maybe someone will want to buy it, and maybe not. The copies are to be for sale too, and the calendar will go for $15. Then, of course, there will be shipping if our folks want them and live far away, which most of them do. Still have not heard from the Colvins who were involved with the Huntertown Historical Society. I thought they would be at the reunion, but since they did not answer my e-mail about LeAnn's death, wonder if I got through to them at all. Most local folks did not respond to Bill's request to let me know if they were coming or not. But I bought extra table ware just in case more show up than have let us know. Enough for now.

Jr. High teams split, Hawkins sets record

Justin Hawkins led the Garrett Junior High boys track team to a hard fought 57-52 victory over Leo on their track Wednesday afternoon.

Hawkins broke a record some Garrett fans thought was unbreakable, but break it he did, running faster over the 100 meter hurdles than Jeff Stroman did back in 1968 with a time of 15.7 seconds.

Stroman perhaps the greatest track athlete in GHS history, won two consecutive high hurdle State Crowns in 1971 and 1972 and held the Junior High record for 31 years with a time of 15.8.

Congratulations Justin!

Hawkins also won the 100 dash and the high jump.

Tony Maurer was a double winner taking home blue ribbons in the shot put and the discus.

Trevor Moe won the pole vault and Jake Didion won the long jump.

Garrett's girls lost a heartbreaker losing to Leo by just two points, 49-51.

Kelly Surfus, Maggie McGrew, Theresa Esselburn and Teela Sullivan were individual winners for Garrett.

DeKalb

Garrett travels to DeKalb this afternoon for a 4:30 p.m. meet.

The Garrett boys are undefeated with a 4 and 0 record and the girls are 3 and 1.

Boys Summary

110 hurdles—Hawkins (G) 15.7, Kellenberger (L) 17.59, Knepper (G) 17.76.

400—Putt (L) 1:04.6, Gerig (L) 1:06, Claria (L) 1:06.87.

100—Hawkins (G) 13.1, Zehr (L) 13.2, Davis (G) 14.16.

200—Zehr (L) 26.3, Putt (L) 26.48, Fitch (G) 27.09.

1600—Stairs (L) 5:19.3, Novy (G) 5:43, Bennett (G) 5:52.4.

800—Stairs (L) 2:20.5, Moe (G) 2:34.29, Geritson (L) 2:37.92.

Shot put—Maurer (G) 35' 1 1/2", Penland (G) 31'10", Holbrook (G) 31'9 1/2".

Discus—Maurer (G) 103'6", Baughman (L) 101'1", Clark (L) 86'6".

High jump—Hawkins (G) 4'8", McNutt (G) 4'.

Long jump—Didion (G) 15'10", Zehr (L) 15'9 1/4", Martin (G) 14'2".

Pole vault—Moe (G) 9', Knepper (G) 7', Holbrook (G) 6'.

400 relay—Leo 52.25.

1600 relay—Leo 4:20.21.

Girls Summary

100 hurdles—Williams (L) 19.10, Blotkamp (G) 19.61, Minke (L) 19.62.

400—George (L) 1:13.6, Esselburn (G) 1:14.49, Cleveland (G) 1:16.52.

100—Woods (L) 14.89, Walker (G) 15.70, Blotkamp (G) 15.75.

200—Woods (L) 30.87, Blotkamp (G) 31.79, Brewer (G) 32.30.

1600—Richey (L) 6:20, Sullivan (G) 6:23, Koch (L) 6:31.79.

800—Ritchey (L) 2:52.03, Sullivan (G) 2:54.8, Koch (L) 2:58.7.

Shot put—Surfus (G) 27'10 1/2", McGrew (G) 26'11", Woods (L) 25'4".

Discus—McGrew (G) 83'1", Surfus (G) 74'7", Clark (L) 58'1".

High jump—Esselburn (G) 4'6", Slayback (L) 4'2", Nguyen (G) 4'2".

Long jump—Sullivan (G) 12'3", Cook (L) 11'5", Nguyen (G) 11'1 1/4".

400 relay—Leo 58.52.

1600 relay—Leo 4:57.56.

Since then, Eastside has defeated the local squad once in 1994, three times in 1995, once in 1996, twice in 1997 and three times in 1998.

Last Saturday's game was a collision just waiting to happen since the beginning of the season.

Eastside, the defending 1998 Class A Softball champions, was ranked preseason number on in the state poll and have held down that lofty position, despite a loss to Bishop Luers, all season and had compiled an impressive 12 and 1 record.

Meanwhile, the Lady Railroaders began the season unranked but some impressive early season victories has Garrett ranked sixth in the state with a 9 and 0 record.

Both teams had their pitching aces on the mound as Tabitha Livingston stepped to the mound for Garrett and Eastside's Jaima Harris brought a 9 and 0 record to the rubber for the Blazers.

The Garrett girls scored early when Devon Crouse began the third base and Tuttle was easily doubled off at first base.

Garrett failed to score in the second inning and Livingston retired Eastside in order in the top of the third inning.

Crouse started another Garrett rally in the bottom of the third inning when she drew a lead off walk. Rassel laid down a bunt to move Crouse to second and Burlage hit a hard ground ball to second base. Karla Ridge couldn't handle the grounder and Burlage was safe at first.

With Clark at the plate, Burlage stole second. Eastside catcher Veronica Ranger threw toward second but Ridge failed to glove the throw cleanly and Crouse raced home from third. Clark then hit a triple down the right field line, scoring Burlage.

With two outs, Angie Geeting ripped a base hit to centerfield to score Clark and Garrett led, 4-0.

After retiring nine straight batters, Livingston ran into some problems in the fourth inning. Ranger and Ridge had back to

Handcars lose to Eastside, 17-7

Eastside's Junior Varsity Baseball Team defeated the Garrett Handcars 17-7 in five innings in Butler last Wednesday.

Derek Watson hit a two run home run for Garrett in the third

Corey Handley pitched an inning and Greg Moyer pitched one inning.

Clemons was 2 for 3 at the plate with two rbi's. Bobby York, Watson, Collins and

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